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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BENTZ).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 29, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CLIFF BENTZ to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 9, 2024, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

MAYORKAS IMPEACHMENT/ BORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, this week, the House Committee on Homeland Security is marking up Articles of Impeachment against Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas for his stark dereliction of duty at our Nation's southern border.

I believe that Secretary Mayorkas deserves to be impeached for his failures, and my intention is to vote in favor of his impeachment.

That said, it is because of House Republicans' commitment to restoring regular order that we have now reached this critical juncture. Regular order has allowed the Homeland Security Committee to conclude its investigation into Secretary Mayorkas and move at an expedited pace in its consideration of these Articles of Impeachment.

It is well known that I voted to refer the impeachment process to this committee. Regular order can and should be followed, especially on such an important issue as this.

What has come to light now is that the vote to refer these articles to the Homeland Security Committee expedited the process by giving that committee sole jurisdiction over the articles. That vote gave us the quickest possible timeline to move these Articles of Impeachment to the Senate where a conviction can and should be affirmed.

We must also acknowledge that regular order has also preserved precious taxpayer dollars that would have otherwise been wasted if the Committee's investigation had been immediately cut short.

Mr. Speaker, while we are on the topic of the southern border, let me address the Senate's secret border deal.

The President has claimed that he needs Congress to pass legislation to empower him to secure the southern border. That is patently false. Congress has no such obligation to do so.

President Biden has always had the authority to enact measures at the southern border to deter illegal aliens from entering our country: ending catch and release; ceasing exploitation of parole authority; reinstating the remain in Mexico program; expanding the use of expedited removal authority; renewing construction of the border wall.

Let's not forget about what authority is granted to the President under the Immigration and Nationality Act as well: "Whenever the President finds that the entry of any aliens or of any class of aliens into the United States would be detrimental to the interests of the United States, he may by proclamation, and for such period as he shall deem necessary, suspend the entry of all aliens or any class of aliens as immigrants or nonimmigrants, or impose on the entry of aliens any restrictions he may deem to be appropriate."

Again, the President already has the authority to secure the southern border. Even in precedent set by the Supreme Court in *Trump v. Hawaii*, the President can make "decisions whether and when to suspend entry, whose entry to suspend, for how long, and on what conditions."

Mr. Speaker, President Biden is acting as if Congress has tied his hands

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and the only way he can secure the border is with more congressional approval.

The truth is that President Biden has been sitting on his own hands for months on end. Perhaps he should take a long, hard look in the mirror.

R&D CHANGES TO FEDERAL TAX CODE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. COURTNEY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a minute this morning to again look at the 118th Congress, which just completed its first year of operation last December, and it was sadly the least productive Congress in memory.

Thirty-one bills were enacted during that first year of the 118th Congress. Again, that is a fraction of the number of bills that have been introduced in this Congress. That now surpasses 7,000 bills which were introduced in the House and a comparable number in the Senate.

Obviously, much of the year was consumed with a lot of interparty fighting with the majority party, but now with really a year left, it is our duty to try and find bipartisan measures that are actually going to help this country and address real problems for Americans.

The good news is, a week ago Friday, the Ways and Means Committee reported out H.R. 7024, which is a bill aimed at making corrections and improvements to the Tax Code that are long overdue.

There are three basic pieces to it.

Number one, it reinstated the child tax credit, which had been wiped out after ARPA expired. This will basically take roughly half a million children out of poverty. Low-income families don't qualify for the full value of the child tax credit. Thankfully, the two sides came together to come up with a meaningful fix. We really have more work to do, because the initial version that was part of ARPA actually cut child poverty in this country in half.

The second thing it did is it expanded the low-income housing tax credit. We have a desperate need for more housing supply in this country, and this will stimulate more investment by developers to build more housing.

I want to be clear. Those units that will benefit from this will be mixed income and will benefit working families and folks who are desperate to find affordable places to live.

Mr. Speaker, what I really want to talk about is the research and development tax deduction, which, in 2017, when the tax law was passed, which I opposed at the time, it basically took the research and development expensing mechanism that had been on the books since 1954, which allowed businesses to write down the investments that they did in new products, processes, workforce innovation, and basically forced them to have to spread it

out over 5 years, causing a huge hardship for small businesses, particularly small manufacturers.

I have a poster next to me from the Westminster Tool company in Plainfield, Connecticut. I visited it a few days ago. This is a firm with 35 workers. Again, a family-owned business. They do great work in terms of medical device manufacturing. They also make aerospace parts that go into our F-35 program that is so critical to the Air Force and the Navy.

When this new expensing mechanism went into effect, it is almost hard to believe this, but their tax bill went up 355 percent. Again, for companies like this, who don't have cash reserves to continue innovating in terms of new products and processes, which Westminster Tool does, this is basically a wipeout in terms of their ability to invest.

This is showing up across the country. It was a terrible decision back in 2017. This bill will resume having the annual expensing mechanism, which will allow this company—and this is a picture with Ray Coombs, who is to my immediate right there, the owner, and his two daughters and his son, Colby, who are running the business. Behind him is the president of the Eastern Manufacturing Alliance, which has been desperately asking Congress to go back and fix this ridiculous change which took place in the 2017 tax bill.

So, again, this is a pro-growth measure, which is going to allow companies like this to get back on track in terms of innovation, which is so important for us in keeping ahead of our global competitors and creating jobs—good jobs, skilled jobs. Westminster Tool has been just an absolute shining example of why we need to make this change.

Hopefully, we are going to get this across the finish line and make sure that, again, the problem is fixed. We could do more; there is no question about it. But the fact of the matter is, in this Congress, we have to take us where we can and victories where we can to address real problems for companies like Westminster Tool.

ENFORCEMENT OF BORDER SECURITY LAWS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. LALOTA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LALOTA. Mr. Speaker, Congress writes the laws, and the executive branch enforces them.

Let me say that again, Mr. Speaker. Congress writes the laws, and the executive branch enforces them.

At least that is what we teach our kids, and that has been the norm throughout our Nation's history. Yet President Biden and Secretary Mayorkas have refused to enforce our Nation's border security laws.

Now, as House Republicans are poised to impeach Secretary Mayorkas for his willful and systematic refusal to en-

force our Nation's border security laws, President Biden feigns that Congress must pass even more border security laws before he can act.

It is a sad attempt to shift blame, Mr. Speaker. If the President truly wanted to secure our border, by a stroke of a pen, he could reinstate remain in Mexico. President Biden could cancel the mass parole of unvetted migrants into the United States. He could cease repositioning border agents away from the border, and he could resume border wall construction.

But, Mr. Speaker, we know the President is not going to do that. The President should do that, and he should start today by enforcing our border security laws, but, sadly, he won't, and he should not be able to shift blame to anybody else.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 12 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Illinois) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Gracious and merciful God, receive our prayers and our purpose for this day. We begin with the best of intentions, renewed by the rest of the weekend, asking Your blessing as we tackle the challenges laid before us in the week ahead.

Hear our prayer that we remain committed to doing the right thing, and bless our desire to bring careful thought to do what is pleasing to You, taking pains to remain true to honest things, true not only in Your eyes, but in the eyes of the people we serve.

In this may we prove faithful to loving You with our whole heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with our whole mind.

And may the work of our hands and the intentions of our truest self serve as worthy proof that our love for our neighbor is no less than that for our own selves.

Lead us, O Lord, in the living of this day, we pray in Your most holy name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

AMERICANS MURDERED BY IRANIAN PUPPETS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Americans are saddened by the deaths and injuries of U.S. servicemembers yesterday in the Middle East. My thoughts and prayers are with the families. Americans are sitting ducks for primary attacks that are occurring abroad and at home because of policies of appeasement.

A key priority is to provide the necessary tools and support for our military who so bravely protect American families. The Biden appeasement toward Iran and its terrorist puppets has resulted in inexcusable failure.

A circumstance that I particularly appreciate, I am the father of four sons who have served in Iraq, Egypt, and Afghanistan, and my recognition of this tragedy is enhanced.

Biden and Harris should resign to reverse the policies of appeasement which have exposed all American military worldwide to attacks.

In conclusion, God bless our troops who successfully protected America for 20 years as the global war on terrorism continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America with Biden open borders for terrorists. It is sadly clear that there will be more 9/11 attacks across America imminent in our country as warned by the FBI.

NATIONAL POVERTY IN AMERICA AWARENESS MONTH

(Ms. PLASKETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PLASKETT. Madam Speaker, this month of January has been National Poverty in America Awareness Month. The grim reality is that over 40 million Americans, including nearly 20 percent of individuals in my home of the Virgin Islands and 30 percent of children there, live in poverty. This issue is not an inevitability, but a crisis that we have the power to resolve.

Poverty manifests not only through hunger, but also limited education, social discrimination, desperation, which leads to crime, and diminished demo-

cratic participation. Tragically, communities of color and people living in territories face even greater disadvantages.

It is disheartening to see a lack of concerted effort and poverty alleviation in this House. Many of my Republican colleagues, fixated on political stunts and threatening critical funding cuts, have diverted attention from this pressing issue.

We must prioritize bipartisan collaboration, whether it is the border or hunger in our own land, over political posturing. We must unite in our commitment to eradicate poverty, uplift every citizen, and guarantee a prosperous future for people across our land.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 25, 2024.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 25, 2024, at 3:52 p.m.

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 26.

That the Senate passed S. 2853.

That the Senate passed S. 3646.

Appointment:

Heath Information Technology Advisory Committee.

Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development.

Washington's Farewell Address.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Acting Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SERGEANT AT ARMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 29, 2024.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MISTER SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that the Office of the Sergeant at Arms for the House of Representatives has been served with a grand jury subpoena for documents issued by the U.S. Department of Justice.

After consulting with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the rights and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM P. MCFARLAND,
Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1600

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DE LA CRUZ) at 4 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

SAFE AND SMART FEDERAL PURCHASING ACT

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5528) to evaluate the impact of the lowest price technically acceptable source selection process on national security, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5528

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Safe and Smart Federal Purchasing Act".

SEC. 2. REVIEW TO DETERMINE THE IMPACT OF THE LOWEST PRICE TECHNICALLY ACCEPTABLE SOURCE SELECTION PROCESS ON NATIONAL SECURITY.

(a) REVIEW.—The Director shall review the procurement management practices of Defense and Civilian agencies to determine whether the provisions of section 15.101-2 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation have created any national security risk.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act, the Director shall submit a report on the results of the review under subsection (a) to—

(1) the Committee on Oversight and Accountability of the House of Representatives; and

(2) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) DEFENSE AND CIVILIAN AGENCY.—The term "Defense and Civilian agency" has the meaning given the term "agency" in section 133 of title 41, United States Code.

(2) DIRECTOR.—The term "Director" means the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DONALDS) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5528, the Safe and Smart Federal Purchasing Act.

Lowest Price Technically Acceptable is a source selection method outlined in the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

Simply put, this Federal Acquisition Regulation standard prioritizes price above all else.

Prioritizing price over any other technical or operational factors in Federal procurement can result in agencies cutting corners, sacrificing long-term value, and potentially jeopardizing national security.

The House Oversight Committee, in previous Congresses, placed appropriate constraints on agency use of the LPTA source selection process to mitigate such concerns.

Those constraints recognized that the LPTA standard is not always appropriate when agencies seek to purchase technically innovative services or technology.

Therefore, my bill requires the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to conduct a governmentwide evaluation of the LPTA source selection process to determine if it is being used in the way that creates any national security risks.

This is a useful step forward understanding how agencies are using LPTA in their source selection decisions, and will determine whether agencies are relying on LPTA when it is not appropriate.

This review is a commonsense step to ensuring America's national security, while also reducing supply chain risks to Federal agencies.

Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague from Virginia, Mr. GERRY CONNOLLY, and my colleague from Colorado, Ms. LAUREN BOEBERT, for their support in drafting this legislation.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this simple and necessary bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, the gentleman's legislation, H.R. 5528, the Safe and Smart Federal Purchasing Act, would require the Director of OMB to review the procurement management practices of Federal agencies to determine whether the use of acquisition procedures focused exclusively on costs known as Lowest Price Technically Acceptable,

or LPTA, poses any national security risks.

Since our committee reported this bill last September, I appreciate that Mr. DONALDS and the majority sought and incorporated feedback from the administration, and also earned bipartisan support with the cosponsorship of Mr. CONNOLLY, a longtime expert in Federal operations. With these updates, I am happy to lend my full support to this legislation.

When Federal agencies purchase goods or services, they strive to achieve the best value for the American people. In the words of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, best value means that the acquisition should provide "the greatest overall benefit in response to the requirement."

Under LPTA procedures, price is the controlling factor in awarding a contract with no consideration given to any other factors. This contrasts with the more frequently used tradeoff approach which looks at the bigger picture and considers additional factors beyond just cost, perhaps assessing elements like quality and performance, or a bidder's technical or managerial expertise.

This bill, and the tradeoff approach to Federal contracting, take into consideration that focusing on contract price alone can actually increase the overall cost to the Federal Government and the people.

For example, cutting costs in the short term can lead to expensive project delays, or might result in taxpayer dollars flowing to adversarial nations that threaten our national security.

If no consideration is given to the strength and integrity of a bidder's supply chain, cutting costs in the short term could lead to inferior products or disastrous supply shortages at key moments.

Madam Speaker, I am happy to give my support to this legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I have no further speakers on this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, the Safe and Smart Federal Purchasing Act is a measured and targeted legislation that can inform future congressional work on Federal procurement, a policy area we know is ripe for reform and taxpayer savings.

Madam Speaker, I encourage my colleagues in the House to support this commonsense bipartisan bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DONALDS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5528, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

OVERTIME PAY FOR PROTECTIVE SERVICES ACT OF 2023

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 3427) to extend the authority to provide employees of the United States Secret Service with overtime pay beyond other statutory limitations, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 3427

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Overtime Pay for Protective Services Act of 2023".

SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF OVERTIME PAY EXCEPTION THROUGH 2028 FOR PROTECTIVE SERVICES.

(a) AMENDMENTS.—Section 2 of the Overtime Pay for Protective Services Act of 2016 (5 U.S.C. 5547 note) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking "2023" and inserting "2028";

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the subsection heading, by striking "DEFINITION" and inserting "DEFINITIONS";

(B) by striking "In this section, the term" and inserting the following: "In this section—

"(1) the term"; and

(C) by striking "2023." and inserting the following: "2028; and

"(2) the term 'protective services' does not include routine administrative or technical work that supports the daily operations of the United States Secret Service."; and

(3) in subsection (b)(1), by striking "during each of calendar years 2016 through 2023" and inserting "for protective services during each of calendar years 2016 through 2028".

(b) RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE.—If this Act is enacted after December 31, 2023, the amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect as if enacted on December 31, 2023.

(c) REPORTS.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

(A) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term "appropriate committees of Congress" means—

(i) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

(ii) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

(iii) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate;

(iv) the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;

(v) the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives;

(vi) the Committee on Oversight and Accountability of the House of Representatives; and

(vii) the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives.

(B) DIRECTOR.—The term "Director" means the Director of the United States Secret Service.

(2) REPORT ON PLANS TO REDUCE OVERTIME USAGE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the

Director shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report describing the steps that the United States Secret Service is taking to address the increased protective service demands placed upon United States Secret Service personnel.

(B) ELEMENTS.—The report required under subparagraph (A) shall include the following:

(i) An analysis of the current (as of the date on which the report is submitted) operational demands and staffing levels with respect to the United States Secret Service.

(ii) Recommended strategies for reducing overtime requirements for United States Secret Service personnel, including—

(I) the appointment of additional personnel;

(II) solutions such that sufficient resources are available throughout each year without the need for exceptions to, or waivers of, premium pay limitations;

(III) the redistribution of workload among United States Secret Service personnel; and

(IV) other improvements in operational efficiency with respect to the United States Secret Service.

(3) ANNUAL PROJECTIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—

(i) REQUIREMENT.—In accordance with the schedule described in clause (ii), the Director shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report that contains projections for the information described in paragraphs (1) through (7) of section 2(c) of the Secret Service Recruitment and Retention Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-160; 132 Stat. 1246), which shall be divided by calendar quarter.

(ii) SCHEDULE DESCRIBED.—The schedule described in this clause is as follows:

(I) Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, a report with respect to calendar year 2024.

(II) Not later than December 31 of each of calendar years 2024 through 2027, a report with respect to the calendar year following the calendar year in which the report is submitted.

(B) QUARTERLY UPDATES.—With respect to each annual report required under subparagraph (A), the Director shall, on the last day of each calendar quarter of the calendar year that is covered by the report, submit to the appropriate committees of Congress an updated version of that report that contains projections for the information described in that subparagraph for the remainder of that calendar year, which shall be divided by calendar quarter.

(C) DEEMING OF PERIOD.—Solely for the purposes of a report required under this paragraph, a reference in any of paragraphs (1) through (7) of section 2(c) of the Secret Service Recruitment and Retention Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-160; 132 Stat. 1246) to a numerical value for a previous calendar year shall be deemed to be a projection of that numerical value for an upcoming calendar year or for the remainder of a calendar year, as applicable.

(4) EFFECT OF AMENDMENTS.—Not later than January 30 of each of calendar years 2025 through 2029, the Director shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the effects of the amendments made by subsection (a), which shall include, with respect to the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which the report is submitted, the following:

(A) The information described in paragraphs (1) through (7) of section 2(c) of the Secret Service Recruitment and Retention Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-160; 132 Stat. 1246).

(B) A comparison between the final data reported under subparagraph (A) and the annual projections reported for that calendar year under paragraph (3)(A), including an ex-

planation for any substantial variance between that final data and those annual projections.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DONALDS) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of S. 3427, the Overtime Pay for Protective Services Act of 2023.

As we all know, the members of the Secret Service are tasked with protecting Presidents, other high-ranking government officials, and their families from harm.

They staff public events, providing a visible police presence, securing vital property in our Nation's Capital and nationwide.

They are trained and prepared to act at the first sign of danger.

While this career can be extremely rewarding, the job itself is challenging and stressful, with agents and officers often working long hours around the clock, including on holidays and weekends.

Through these sacrifices, Secret Service agents and officers commit their lives to public service and deserve to be fairly compensated for their work, which is why in 2016, Congress authorized allowing Secret Service officers and agents to earn overtime pay above their GS pay scale level.

Unfortunately, on December 31 of last year, the Secret Service's authority to pay special agents and uniformed division officers adequate overtime expired, compromising the ability to pay many commensurate with their duties.

With the upcoming elections and other high-profile events of global significance this year and beyond, the Secret Service will be called upon to help protect events and people serving in positions vital to national security.

That is why I am pleased that the Overtime Pay for Protective Services Act, which would renew the authority needed to provide Secret Service members with the respect, gratitude, and compensation that they deserve, is before us today.

This bill has been endorsed by the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association.

Madam Speaker, I thank my House colleagues, Homeland Security Committee Chairman GREEN, and Ranking Member BENNIE THOMPSON, for leading the bipartisan companion in the House.

I also thank House Oversight Committee Chairman JAMES COMER and Ranking Member JAMIE RASKIN for their work addressing this important U.S. Secret Service workforce issue, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise to support S. 3427, the Overtime Pay for Protective Services Act. The legislation would see to it that Secret Service agents who work overtime get paid for the time they have worked.

The bill authorizes an extension of the Secret Service's current pay cap level of level II of the Executive Schedule through 2028 so that agents are permitted to receive compensation for the hours of overtime they work. Without this legislation, the pay of Secret Service agents would be capped at GS-15 level.

The Presidential campaign years place great challenges and strain on Secret Service personnel. According to the most recent data available, in 2022, nearly 1,600 agents worked so many hours that they maxed out their annual overtime in salary.

The amount of overtime worked resulted, on average, in more than \$11,000 per agent.

This bill also includes extensive reporting requirements, including both quarterly and annual reporting on the number of individuals receiving overtime and estimates for future years.

This will help keep the agency focused on its personnel management problem, and keep Congress informed on the issue and funding needs of the agency.

This elevated pay cap for Secret Service agents has been in place since 2016. While the agency has made some progress in recruiting, this is, in essence, a management problem. The Secret Service must be able to pay its people in order to attract and retain the best talent that is available. The Secret Service needs to hire more people to reduce its heavy overtime expenses.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I encourage my House colleagues on both sides of the aisle to unite behind the brave men and women of the Secret Service and support this commonsense bipartisan bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DONALDS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 3427.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

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LANCE CORPORAL DAVID LEE ESPINOZA, LANCE CORPORAL JUAN RODRIGO RODRIGUEZ & SERGEANT ROBERTO ARIZOLA JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2754) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2395 East Del Mar Boulevard in Laredo, Texas, as the "Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza, Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez & Sergeant Roberto Arizola Jr. Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2754

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. LANCE CORPORAL DAVID LEE ESPINOZA, LANCE CORPORAL JUAN RODRIGO RODRIGUEZ & SERGEANT ROBERTO ARIZOLA JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2395 East Del Mar Boulevard in Laredo, Texas, shall be known and designated as the "Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza, Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez & Sergeant Roberto Arizola Jr. Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza, Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez & Sergeant Roberto Arizola Jr. Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DONALDS) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of this bill, which would name the post office in Laredo, Texas, after David Lee Espinoza, Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez, and Sergeant Roberto Arizola, Jr.

Lance Corporal Espinoza joined the Marine Corps after graduating high

school in 2019. He was one of the 13 servicemembers killed in a suicide bombing during the United States withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2021. He was just 20 years old.

Lance Corporal Rodriguez served in the Marine Forces Reserve after graduating from high school in the year 2000. In 2005, at the age of 23, he died conducting combat operations in Anbar Province, Iraq.

Sergeant Roberto Arizola, Jr., served in the U.S. Army and was deployed to Iraq in May of 2004. In June of that year, one day before he was set to return home, he was killed in an explosion in Baghdad. Sergeant Arizola also served as a Border Patrol agent in Laredo, Texas, before being deployed to Iraq.

Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza, Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez, and Sergeant Roberto Arizola, Jr., all died while serving our great Nation.

I support this legislation that names a post office in the memory of these American heroes, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2754, introduced by my distinguished colleague from Texas, Representative CUELLAR, which would designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 2395 East Del Mar Boulevard in Laredo, Texas, as the Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza, Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez & Sergeant Roberto Arizola Jr. Post Office Building.

These three brave individuals made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives for our country.

Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CUELLAR).

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) for yielding. In addition, I thank both Mr. RASKIN and Mr. DONALDS for speaking about these three heroes from Laredo.

Madam Speaker, this bill honors the lives of Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza, Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez, and Sergeant Roberto Arizola, Jr., who gave their lives for our Nation. This bill will rename the Del Mar Post Office in Laredo, Texas, which will honor these heroes' sacrifices.

Although words and actions cannot replace these brave individuals, dedicating this post office honors their legacies.

Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza was born on July 10, 2001, in Laredo, Texas, but lived in nearby Rio Bravo, Texas, all his life. He graduated from Lyndon B. Johnson High School in 2019. Shortly after graduating, he joined the United States Marine Corps.

On August 26, 2021, during the withdrawal from Afghanistan, Lance Corporal Espinoza was one of the 13 servicemembers killed in Kabul, Afghanistan. He was only 20 years old.

Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez lived in El Cenizo, a town near Laredo, where he attended United South High School and was involved in Junior ROTC. He led his group to a Junior ROTC national championship in 1998.

After graduating from high school in 2000, he joined the United States Marine Forces Reserve. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, 4th Division, Corpus Christi, Texas. On January 13, 2005, Lance Corporal Rodriguez died in action while conducting combat operations in the Anbar Province in Iraq. He was only 23 years of age.

Sergeant Roberto Arizola was born December 11, 1973, in Laredo, Texas. He graduated from high school in 1992 and enlisted in the United States Army in 1996. He was assigned to the 297th Military Intelligence Battalion, 513th Military Intelligence Brigade, Fort Gordon, Georgia.

Sergeant Arizola had been a Border Patrol agent taking care of our borders in Laredo, Texas, before he was deployed to Iraq in May of 2004. On June 8, 2005, a day before he was scheduled to return from Iraq, Sergeant Arizola was killed in an explosion near his vehicle in Baghdad, Iraq. He was only 31 years of age.

Through this dedication, we ensure that their heroic legacy remains engraved in the hearts of our community, a lasting tribute to their selfless service and courage.

Madam Speaker, I thank not only these brave soldiers but all the veterans who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation. We would not be here without them.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

I would just say that Lance Corporal Espinoza, Lance Corporal Rodriguez, and Sergeant Arizola admirably served our country, and we thank them and their families for their extraordinary service.

Madam Speaker, I urge passage of H.R. 2754, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DONALDS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2754.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

**LIEUTENANT WILLIAM D. LEBO
POST OFFICE BUILDING**

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3865) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 South 8th Street in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, as the "Lieutenant William D. Lebo Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3865

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. LIEUTENANT WILLIAM D. LEBO POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 South 8th Street in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, shall be known and designated as the "Lieutenant William D. Lebo Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Lieutenant William D. Lebo Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DONALDS) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3865, which names a Lebanon, Pennsylvania, post office for Lieutenant William D. Lebo. Lieutenant Lebo was born in Vicenza, Italy, to American parents.

At the end of his father's service in the U.S. Army, the Lebo family moved to Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. Lieutenant Lebo lived in Lebanon County for the rest of his life and grew up to join the Lebanon City Police Department, where he served for 40 years.

In March of 2022, 30 days before he was set to retire, Lieutenant Lebo was shot and killed in the line of duty. Lieutenant Lebo died protecting the community he grew up in, and I support this bill that honors his legacy in Lebanon County.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in support of H.R. 3865 to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 South 8th Street in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, as the Lieutenant William D. Lebo Post Office Building.

I join Mr. DONALDS in praising the work of Lieutenant Lebo. He had a remarkable 40-year career with the Lebanon City Police Department, but in March 2022, just 1 month before he was set to retire, Lieutenant Lebo was killed while on duty.

I encourage my colleagues to join us in honoring the life of Lieutenant Lebo by naming a post office in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, after him.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MEUSER).

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DONALDS), my good friend, for yielding on this important issue. I also thank my colleague from Maryland for his support.

Madam Speaker, it is truly my honor today to rise in support of this community bill, H.R. 3865, which would rename the post office at 101 South 8th Street in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, as the Lieutenant William D. Lebo Post Office Building.

Madam Speaker, Lieutenant Lebo, of the Lebanon City Police Department, tragically lost his life in the line of duty on March 31, 2022, while responding to a domestic-related burglary incident.

During his memorial, my very good friend, Lebanon County District Attorney Pier Hess Graf, said that Lieutenant Lebo's last words to his men before entering the House that fateful day were, "I'm going to go in first, and I'm going to keep you safe."

This is the kind of police officer Lieutenant Lebo was, a man who was willing to give his life to protect his fellow officers. He served the Lebanon Police Department and his community faithfully for 40 years and was just 30 days from retirement at the time of his passing.

Madam Speaker, as the son of a police officer, the risk of our finest, to protect and serve, needs never be forgotten and should always be respected and certainly not taken for granted.

Lieutenant Lebo's fellow officers say there is not a day that goes by without members of the department sharing fond stories of Lieutenant Lebo. I am told a story often shared is that Lieutenant Lebo would drive around in his patrol car with the windows down to better interact with the community he served but also to more easily hear if someone needed help. He was an incredibly community-oriented police officer who really served as a model for law enforcement.

Lieutenant Lebo is survived by his loving wife, Lora; his daughter, Corinne; and his mother, Rina. I am honored to have them joining us here

today in the House Chamber, along with the mayor of Lebanon city, Sherry Capello, and Lebanon City Police Chief Bret Fisher. We are honored to have them with us.

Lieutenant Lebo was known as a mentor to younger officers, whom he loved training to be the best police officers that they could be.

As Chief Fisher has said: Somebody that has spent 40 years at the police department as Lieutenant Lebo did, they are still with you in so many ways. There isn't much you can touch or do that Lieutenant Lebo didn't have his hand in somewhere along his career on the Lebanon City Police Force.

To honor her husband's remarkable life, Lora Lebo established the Lieutenant William D. Lebo Memorial Foundation, which is dedicated to supporting the growth of Lebanon with positive intent, providing educational scholarship to Lebanon County first responders and their children, and providing comprehensive leadership development training to the law enforcement community.

While Lora and the community have already done such great work keeping Lieutenant Lebo's memory alive, it is my hope that the renaming of this post office in his honor will further serve as a lasting recognition of his life and legacy, during which he always put service above self.

I do know that memorializing Lieutenant Lebo in this manner will be so meaningful to the Lebanon community. While I attended Lieutenant Lebo's funeral, it was overwhelmingly clear just how much he meant to Lebanon and, in fact, to all of Pennsylvania. The procession, Madam Speaker, was miles long, and people lined the streets to pay their final respects.

Lieutenant Lebo was a dedicated public servant who is remembered by his colleagues and those he served as a calm, kind, and ethical police officer who was completely devoted to protecting the Lebanon community.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in supporting H.R. 3865 to rename the post office in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, for a very deserving local hero, Lieutenant William D. Lebo.

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Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this measure, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DONALDS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3865.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PAMELA JANE ROCK POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3947) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 859 North State Road 21 in Melrose, Florida, as the “Pamela Jane Rock Post Office Building”.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3947

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. PAMELA JANE ROCK POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 859 North State Road 21 in Melrose, Florida, shall be known and designated as the “Pamela Jane Rock Post Office Building”.

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Pamela Jane Rock Post Office Building”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DONALDS) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of this bill which names a Melrose, Florida, post office for Pamela Jane Rock.

Pamela Jane, a native Floridian, attended the University of Florida where she studied nutrition and dietetics and was a proud member of the Gator Marching Band.

Pam remained a Florida Gator fan for the rest of her life and loved going to Florida football games with her family.

In January of 2022, Pam became a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service in Gainesville, Florida. In August of 2022, Pam was attacked by dogs while delivering mail. She later died because of injuries she sustained in the attack.

Madam Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support this bill honoring a dedicated postal employee whose life was tragically cut short while serving our Nation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in support of H.R. 3947, a bill designating the facility of the U.S.

Postal Service located at 859 North State Road 21 in Melrose, Florida, as the Pamela Jane Rock Post Office Building.

After graduating from the University of Florida, Pam started a long career with the WIC program and dietary education.

She worked with women and families from across the United States—from Florida, Yellowstone, North Carolina, to Georgia—and even with the Peace Corps in Guatemala to advance critical nutritional goals for infants and children.

Following her long-term service with the WIC program, she transitioned into a new role of public service with the U.S. Postal Service in January 2022 as a letter carrier.

On August 22, 2022, she was unexpectedly and severely injured while delivering the mail and sadly passed away in Florida as a consequence of her injuries.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and the hard work of Ms. Rock by naming a post office in Melrose after her.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BEAN).

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill, H.R. 3947, to designate the post office in Melrose, Florida, in memory of my constituent, Pamela Jane Rock.

I thank my co-lead introducer of the bill, Representative CAMMACK, as well as the entire Florida delegation for their support in cosponsoring this bill.

Pamela Jane Rock was born on August 6, 1961, to John and Jane Rock of Plantation, Florida. She was the 14th and youngest child of an amazing family.

Growing up, she attended St. Gregory Catholic School in Plantation and St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

After high school, she attended the University of Florida and graduated in 1984 with a bachelor of science in nutrition and dietetics.

During her time at UF, she was a proud member of the University of Florida Fighting Gator Marching Band for 4 years.

She was one of a kind in all that she did. After college, she worked for the State of Florida WIC program in Alachua County.

Her passion for service continued when she spent 3 years with the Peace Corps in Guatemala, educating women on proper nutrition for families.

Upon her return to the U.S., she ventured out West to Yellowstone and spent time on an Indian reservation, also educating women on infants' nutritional needs.

Pam then returned to Gainesville, Florida, in January 2022 where she joined the U.S. Postal Service and pursued a career as a letter carrier.

With a desire to give back, she is remembered for placing an apple along

with the mail for the residents along her route.

This is the smile you saw. If she was delivering mail on your route, you saw this. We will turn this and let everybody see it, as well. This is the smile of Pam, and she literally lit up her route with that smile.

She was a devoted Gator fan, and like many of her siblings, going to a Gator football game was a big deal, and she did it whenever she could.

She gardened and loved having relationships with new people, especially in her church group. She loved animals. It comes as no surprise she was a volunteer at St. Francis Pet Care in Gainesville.

Tragically, Madam Speaker, Pam was attacked by dogs during her mail route in Interlachen, Florida, and succumbed to her injuries on August 22, 2022. It is still a sad day.

Pamela's friends and family described her as sweet, supportive, always there to cheer you up, and someone with a true servant's heart.

She is survived by 11 of her siblings and countless nieces and nephews whom she adored. Several are in the gallery today for this big occasion as we take a step, hopefully, Madam Speaker, to honor her service.

I thank them for being here today, and I can think of no better way to honor Pam's service to the United States Postal Service than by designating the Melrose, Florida, post office as the Pamela Jane Rock Post Office.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DONALDS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3947.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CAROLINE CHANG POST OFFICE

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3728) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 Dorchester Avenue, Room 1, in Boston, Massachusetts, as the “Caroline Chang Post Office”.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3728

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CAROLINE CHANG POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25

Dorchester Avenue, Room 1, in Boston, Massachusetts, shall be known and designated as the "Caroline Chang Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Caroline Chang Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DONALDS) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of this bill, which would name a Boston, Massachusetts, post office for Caroline Chang.

Caroline was born and raised in Boston's Chinatown and started her career serving as an interpreter for community members seeking medical care.

In 1970, Caroline Chang was appointed by the mayor of Boston as the manager of Chinatown's Little City Hall, where she continued her work advocating for the community.

She went on to achieve a law degree from Suffolk Law School and to work for the United States Department of Health and Human Services for more than 30 years.

Caroline Chang also helped establish the South Cove Community Health Center, the Chinese Historical Society of New England, and the Asian American Civic Association.

I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation honoring this dedicated civil servant, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in strong support of H.R. 3728 to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 25 Dorchester Avenue, Room 1, in Boston, Massachusetts, as the Caroline Chang Post Office.

This legislation, introduced by my distinguished colleague, Representative PRESSLEY, recognizes the contributions of Caroline Chang, who was born and raised in Boston's Chinatown.

I didn't know her, but I have learned from my colleague that she was a trailblazer, a passionate advocate for her community, and a very devoted public servant.

Madam Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. PRESSLEY).

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, I thank Chair COMER and Representative

RASKIN for advancing this legislation. I also thank my Massachusetts colleagues and our delegation for the unanimous support of this effort.

I rise today to recognize Caroline Chang, a community builder and trailblazer who was a tireless advocate for the Massachusetts Seventh.

Caroline remains one of the greatest public servants that Boston and our Commonwealth has ever seen. She dedicated her life to serving the local Chinatown community and effecting lasting and positive change.

At a young age, Caroline lost her father and began serving as a translator for her mother, while also looking after her two younger brothers and sister.

Her willingness to care for her family extended to all of Boston's Chinatown where community members would often rely on Caroline's assistance when seeking medical care.

At the time, culturally congruent care was not an option for most Asian Americans in Boston. Whenever a neighbor needed to visit the doctor, Caroline would be at their side as a translator, as an advocate, and as a friend.

Her early sense of purpose and community manifested into a love of organizing and movement building that remained with her as she went on to fight in all levels of government against discrimination faced by Asian Americans.

From managing Chinatown's Little City Hall to her history-making tenure in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, she always made sure her home community had a seat at the table.

The Massachusetts Seventh, which I am proud to represent, is a vibrant and diverse district, and I am especially proud to represent this district as a member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus. It is home to nearly 100,000 Asian American and Pacific Islanders.

In a testament to her ability to bring people together, Caroline routinely gathered Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, Laotian, Cambodian, and other nationalities from the Boston area for dinners and events under the theme of Asian American unity.

She bridged gaps within and across marginalized groups, working in solidarity to form several community-based organizations that continue to serve Chinatown and greater Boston today—the Asian Community Development Corporation, the Asian American Civic Association, and the Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center, to name only a few.

Inspired in part by her early work as a translator, Caroline also helped found the South Cove Community Health Center, the first community health center to provide culturally congruent care to Asian Americans in the city of Boston. Today, it is the largest Asian primary care provider in the entire Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

My bill, H.R. 3728, would designate the post office at 25 Dorchester Ave-

nue, which is walking distance from South Cove, as the Caroline Chang Post Office.

In the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, there are currently 617 postal facilities. Of those renamed, only one has been named for a woman and only five for people of color. To date, not one has been named for an AAPI individual.

Dating back to my time on the Boston City Council, I have underscored the need for us to have institutional representation in our public spaces because who we honor matters.

At a time when the contributions of Black, Brown, AAPI, and other marginalized communities are facing increased threats and erasure, recognizing their contributions by securing their representation is a small but a meaningful step forward.

Caroline often said: There is always more work to do, and I wholeheartedly agree. Today, with this legislation, we recognize the work that she has done and honor her legacy, a legacy that will endure for generations to come.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill. I take this moment to also thank a dedicated member of my A team, Bayley Connors, on my legislative staff, who worked tirelessly to bring this to fruition today.

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Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I have no further speakers, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I am prepared to close, as well.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Ms. Chang by naming the post office in Boston, Massachusetts after her, and we will all be proud to see it happen, pursuant to the remarks of Ms. PRESSLEY.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DONALDS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3728.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

DOSAN AHN CHANG HO POST OFFICE

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 599) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3500 West 6th Street, Suite 103 in Los Angeles, California, as the "Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Post Office", as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 599

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DOSAN AHN CHANG HO POST OFFICE REDESIGNATION.

(a) REDESIGNATION.—Section 1 of Public Law 108-239 is amended by striking "3751 West 6th Street in Los Angeles, California" and inserting "3500 West 6th Street, Suite 103 in Los Angeles, California".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in section 1 of Public Law 108-239 as amended by subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DONALDS) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 599.

In 2004, Congress unanimously voted to designate a post office in Los Angeles as the Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Post Office.

Ahn Chang Ho and his wife immigrated to the United States as the first married couple from Korea, founding early Korean-American community groups and becoming a pivotal leader in the Korean-American community.

In 2022, the lease on the post office named for Ahn Chang Ho expired, and the Postal Service moved the post office to a new location.

This bill updates the current law passed in 2004 by transferring the Dosan Ahn Chang Ho name to the new post office building.

Madam Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support this bill honoring this historical figure, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in strong support of H.R. 599 to designate the facility of the U.S. Post-

al Service located at 3500 West 6th Street, Suite 103 in Los Angeles, California, as the Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Post Office.

This legislation introduced by my colleague, the distinguished Representative JIMMY GOMEZ of California, would designate a post office after the Korean-American leader, Dosan Ahn Chang Ho. A Korean independence activist who immigrated to the United States, he became an early leader in the Korean-American immigrant community. He opposed the Japanese occupation of Korea and later served as a founding member of the Korean Provisional Government.

Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the distinguished gentleman from California (Mr. GOMEZ).

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I thank the ranking member for yielding, and I thank both the chairman and the ranking member for their support in finding a path to get this bill to the floor.

I am honored to represent L.A.'s Koreatown, home of the largest Korean-American community in any congressional district in our country.

This legislation not only honors one of the first Korean-American immigrants in the United States and a key figure in the Korean independence movement, Dosan Ahn Chang Ho, it celebrates every Korean American who makes our country what it is today.

Ahn Chang Ho, also known by his pen name, Dosan, was a pivotal early leader in the Korean-American community, immigrating to the United States with his wife as the first married couple from Korea to do so; founding early Korean-American community groups; and laying the groundwork for the last 121 years of Korean-American contributions.

Dosan was also a celebrated Korean independence activist, who helped author the South Korean national anthem, advocated for social reform, served as a leader of the provisional government, and played a key role in the opposition of the Japanese occupation of Korea.

He was the father of trailblazing Korean-American actors: Philip Ahn, Philson Ahn, and Ralph Ahn; and his daughter, Susan Ahn Cuddy, was the first Asian-American woman to join the U.S. Navy, and she was an important leader in the post-World War II national security community.

Dosan was a pioneer in American history, and his story deserves to be told.

The post office in the heart of Koreatown where he rose to become one of first leaders of the Korean-American community and where he founded the first Korean organization in the continental United States will ensure this important piece of history is shared with generations to come.

The Korean-American story is the American story, and we must ensure this community receives the recognition and support they deserve.

I am proud this measure to name our post office after Dosan Ahn Chang Ho is on the floor of the House today, and I look forward to the day when this redesignation is officially signed into law by the President.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I have no further speakers, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, in closing, I would encourage all of my colleagues to join us in honoring the life of Mr. Ho by naming a post office in Los Angeles after him.

Madam Speaker, I urge passage of H.R. 599, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DONALDS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 599, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

DR. MARGARET B. HILL POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1060) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1663 East Date Place in San Bernardino, California, as the "Dr. Margaret B. Hill Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1060

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DR. MARGARET B. HILL POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1663 East Date Place in San Bernardino, California, shall be known and designated as the "Dr. Margaret B. Hill Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Dr. Margaret B. Hill Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DONALDS) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today in support of H.R. 1060, which names a post office in San Bernardino, California, for Dr. Margaret B. Hill.

Dr. Hill attended California State University, San Bernardino, and spent much of her life as an educational leader in the San Bernardino community.

She served as the principal of San Andreas High School for 16 years, and later as the assistant superintendent of administrative services for the San Bernardino school system.

In 2001, she was elected to the San Bernardino City Unified Board of Education, a position she remained in for 10 years.

Madam Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation honoring a dedicated, local civil servant, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in support of H.R. 1060 to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1660 East Date Place in San Bernardino, California, as the Dr. Margaret B. Hill Post Office Building.

The legislation introduced by my friend and colleague, Mr. AGUILAR, would rename the Del Rosa Post Office to honor Dr. Hill, a beloved educator and longtime advocate for the people of San Bernardino.

I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from California (Mr. AGUILAR).

Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Speaker, I thank the ranking member and the majority for working with us on this bill.

I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1060, which would rename the Del Rosa Post Office in San Bernardino after Dr. Margaret B. Hill.

Dr. Hill was truly the heartbeat of San Bernardino. Her life was marked by an unparalleled commitment to both community in the classroom and beyond. Through her compassion, her dedication, and her generosity, she changed countless lives for the better.

As an educator and advocate, she ushered in positive change and steered students in the right direction for a brighter future. She was called the North Star for the San Bernardino County community when it came to issues of poverty, homelessness, race, and foster youth.

After decades in the classroom as a teacher, vice principal, and principal, she retired but still found time to serve as an educator before she became ele-

vated to serve as an elected school board member.

For Dr. Hill, there was simply no task that was beneath her when it came to helping students. Her tutelage has shaped our community in profound ways leaving an enduring legacy that transcends time.

I am so proud to lead this bill to enshrine her legacy in San Bernardino. I hope it will remind all of us in the years to come that we must continue to carry forward that legacy. I was honored to know her and work with her, and this will ensure that future generations will recognize and appreciate the impact that Dr. Hill had on our community.

Madam Speaker, I urge adoption of this bill.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I have no further speakers, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I have no further speakers, but I encourage all of my colleagues to join us in honoring the life of Dr. Hill by naming the post office in San Bernardino after her.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DONALDS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1060.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 58 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. OBERNOLTE) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions pre-

viously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

Motions to suspend the rules and pass:

H.R. 5528; and
S. 3427.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the remaining electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

SAFE AND SMART FEDERAL PURCHASING ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5528) to evaluate the impact of the lowest price technically acceptable source selection process on national security, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DONALDS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 397, nays 0, not voting 34, as follows:

[Roll No. 20]

YEAS—397

Adams	Carey	Dingell
Aderholt	Carl	Doggett
Aguilar	Carson	Donalds
Alford	Carter (GA)	Duarte
Allen	Carter (LA)	Duncan
Allred	Carter (TX)	Dunn (FL)
Amo	Cartwright	Edwards
Amodei	Casas	Elzey
Armstrong	Case	Emmer
Arrington	Casten	Escobar
Auchincloss	Castor (FL)	Eshoo
Babin	Castro (TX)	Espallat
Bacon	Chavez-DeRemer	Estes
Baird	Cherfilus-	Evans
Balderson	McCormick	Ezell
Balint	Chu	Fallon
Banks	Clark (MA)	Feenstra
Barr	Clarke (NY)	Ferguson
Barragán	Cleaver	Finstad
Bean (FL)	Cline	Fischbach
Beatty	Cloud	Fitzgerald
Bentz	Clyburn	Fitzpatrick
Bera	Clyde	Fleischmann
Bergman	Cohen	Fletcher
Beyer	Cole	Flood
Bice	Collins	Foster
Biggs	Comer	Foushee
Billirakis	Connolly	Fox
Bishop (GA)	Correa	Frankel, Lois
Bishop (NC)	Costa	Franklin, Scott
Blumenauer	Courtney	Frost
Blunt Rochester	Craig	Fry
Boebert	Crane	Fulcher
Bonamici	Crawford	Gaetz
Bost	Crockett	Gallagher
Bowman	Crow	Gallo
Boyle (PA)	Cuellar	Garamendi
Brecheen	D'Esposito	Garbarino
Brown	Davidson	García (IL)
Brownley	Davis (IL)	García (TX)
Bucshon	Davis (NC)	García, Mike
Budzinski	De La Cruz	García, Robert
Burchett	Dean (PA)	Gimenez
Burgess	DeGette	Golden (ME)
Burlison	DeLauro	Goldman (NY)
Bush	DelBene	Gomez
Calvert	Deluzio	Gonzales, Tony
Cammack	DeSaulnier	Gonzalez,
Caraveo	DesJarlais	Vicente
Carbajal	Diaz-Balart	Good (VA)
Cárdenas		Gooden (TX)

Gosar
Gottheimer
Granger
Graves (LA)
Green (TN)
Green, Al (TX)
Greene (GA)
Grothman
Guest
Guthrie
Hageman
Harder (CA)
Harris
Harshbarger
Hayes
Hern
Higgins (LA)
Higgins (NY)
Hill
Himes
Hinson
Horsford
Houchin
Houlahan
Hoyle (OR)
Hudson
Huffman
Huizenga
Issa
Ivey
Jackson (IL)
Jackson (NC)
Jackson (TX)
Jackson Lee
Jacobs
James
Jayapal
Jeffries
Johnson (GA)
Johnson (SD)
Jordan
Joyce (OH)
Joyce (PA)
Kaptur
Kean (NJ)
Keating
Kelly (IL)
Kelly (PA)
Khanna
Kiggans (VA)
Kildee
Kiley
Kilmer
Kim (CA)
Kim (NJ)
Krishnamoorthi
Kuster
Kustoff
LaHood
LaLota
Landsman
Langworthy
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latta
LaTurner
Lawler
Lee (CA)
Lee (FL)
Lee (NV)
Lee (PA)
Leger Fernandez
Lesko
Letlow
Levin
Lieu
Lofgren
Loudermilk
Lucas
Luetkemeyer
Luna
Luttrell
Lynch

Mace
Magaziner
Malliotakis
Mann
Manning
Massie
Mast
Matsui
McBath
McCaul
McClellan
McClintock
McCollum
McCormick
McGarvey
McGovern
McHenry
Meeks
Menendez
Meuser
Miller (IL)
Miller (WV)
Miller-Meeks
Mills
Molinaro
Moolenaar
Mooney
Moore (AL)
Moore (WI)
Moran
Morelle
Moskowitz
Mrvan
Mullin
Murphy
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal
Neguse
Newhouse
Nickel
Norman
Nunn (IA)
Oberholte
Ocasio-Cortez
Omar
Owens
Pallone
Palmer
Panetta
Pappas
Payne
Pelosi
Peltola
Pence
Perez
Perry
Peters
Pettersen
Pfluger
Pingree
Pocan
Porter
Posey
Pressley
Quigley
Ramirez
Raskin
Reschenthaler
Rogers (AL)
Rose
Rosendale
Ross
Rouzer
Roy
Ruiz
Ruppersberger
Rutherford
Ryan
Salazar
Salinas
Sánchez
Sarbanes

Scanlon
Schakowsky
Schneider
Scholten
Schrier
Schweikert
Scott (VA)
Scott, Austin
Scott, David
Self
Sessions
Sewell
Sherman
Sherrill
Slotkin
Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (WA)
Smucker
Sorensen
Soto
Spanberger
Spartz
Stansbury
Stanton
Stauber
Steel
Stefanik
Steil
Steube
Stevens
Strickland
Strong
Sykes
Takano
Tenneny
Thanedar
Thompson (MS)
Thompson (PA)
Tiffany
Timmons
Titus
Tlaib
Tokuda
Tonko
Torres (CA)
Trahan
Trone
Turner
Underwood
Valadao
Van Drew
Van Dwyne
Van Orden
Vargas
Vasquez
Veasey
Velázquez
Wagner
Walberg
Waltz
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson Coleman
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Wenstrup
Westerman
Wexton
Wild
Williams (GA)
Williams (NY)
Williams (TX)
Wilson (FL)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Womack
Yakym
Zinke

NOT VOTING—34

Buchanan
Buck
Ciscomani
Crenshaw
Curtis
Graves (MO)
Griffith
Grijalva
Hoyer
Hunt
Kamlager-Dove
Kelly (MS)

LaMalfa
Lamborn
Lamborn
Maloy
McCain
Meng
Mfume
Miller (OH)
Moore (UT)
Moulton
Nehls
Norcross
Ogles

Pascrell
Phillips
Rodgers (WA)
Rogers (KY)
Scalise
Schiff
Simpson
Swalwell
Thompson (CA)
Torres (NY)

□ 1854

Messrs. BLUMENAUER and GALLEGO changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: “A bill to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget conduct a review to determine the impact of the lowest price technically acceptable source selection process on national security, and for other purposes.”.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

OVERTIME PAY FOR PROTECTIVE SERVICES ACT OF 2023

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 3427) to extend the authority to provide employees of the United States Secret Service with overtime pay beyond other statutory limitations, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DONALDS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 379, nays 20, not voting 32, as follows:

[Roll No. 21]

YEAS—379

Adams
Aderholt
Aguilar
Alford
Allen
Allred
Amo
Amodei
Armstrong
Arrington
Auchincloss
Babin
Bacon
Baird
Balderson
Balint
Banks
Barr
Barragán
Bean (FL)
Beatty
Bentz
Bera
Bergman
Beyer
Bice
Bilirakis
Bishop (GA)
Blumenauer
Blunt Rochester
Boebert
Bonamici
Bost
Bowman
Boyle (PA)
Brown
Brownley
Bucshon
Budzinski
Burgess

Bush
Calvert
Cammack
Caraveo
Carbajal
Cárdenas
Carey
Carl
Carson
Carter (LA)
Carter (TX)
Cartwright
Casar
Case
Casten
Castor (FL)
Castro (TX)
Chavez-DeRemer
Cherfilus-McCormick
Chu
Clark (MA)
Clarke (NY)
Cleaver
Cline
Cloud
Clyburn
Cohen
Cole
Collins
Comer
Connolly
Correa
Costa
Courtney
Craig
Crawford
Crenshaw
Crockett
Crow

Cuellar
D'Esposito
Davids (KS)
Davidson
Davis (NC)
De La Cruz
Dean (PA)
DeGette
DeLauro
DelBene
Deluzio
DeSaulnier
DesJarlais
Diaz-Balart
Dingell
Doggett
Donalds
Duarte
Duncan
Dunn (FL)
Edwards
Ellzey
Emmer
Escobar
Eshoo
Españillat
Estes
Evans
Ezell
Fallon
Feenstra
Ferguson
Finstad
Fischbach
Fitzgerald
Fitzpatrick
Fleischmann
Fletcher
Flood
Foster

Foushee
Foxy
Frankel, Lois
Franklin, Scott
Frost
Fry
Fulcher
Gaetz
Gallagher
Gallego
Garamendi
Garbarino
Garcia (IL)
Garcia (TX)
Garcia, Mike
Garcia, Robert
Gimenez
Golden (ME)
Goldman (NY)
Gomez
Gonzales, Tony
Gonzalez, Vicente
Gooden (TX)
Gottheimer
Granger
Graves (LA)
Green (TN)
Green, Al (TX)
Greene (GA)
Grothman
Guest
Guthrie
Hageman
Harder (CA)
Hayes
Hern
Higgins (LA)
Higgins (NY)
Hill
Himes
Hinson
Horsford
Houchin
Houlahan
Hoyer
Hoyle (OR)
Hudson
Huffman
Huizenga
Issa
Ivey
Jackson (IL)
Jackson (NC)
Jackson (TX)
Jackson Lee
Jacobs
James
Jayapal
Jeffries
Johnson (GA)
Johnson (SD)
Jordan
Joyce (OH)
Joyce (PA)
Kamlager-Dove
Kaptur
Kean (NJ)
Keating
Kelly (IL)
Kelly (PA)
Khanna
Kiggans (VA)
Kildee
Kiley
Kilmer
Kim (CA)
Kim (NJ)
Krishnamoorthi
Kuster
Kustoff
LaHood
LaLota
LaMalfa
Landsman
Langworthy
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)

Latta
LaTurner
Lawler
Lee (CA)
Lee (FL)
Lee (NV)
Lee (PA)
Leger Fernandez
Lesko
Letlow
Levin
Lieu
Lofgren
Loudermilk
Lucas
Luetkemeyer
Luttrell
Lynch
Mace
Magaziner
Malliotakis
Mann
Manning
Mast
Matsui
McBath
McCaul
McClain
McClellan
McClintock
McCollum
McCormick
McGarvey
McGovern
Meeks
Menendez
Meuser
Miller (IL)
Miller (WV)
Miller-Meeks
Mills
Molinaro
Moolenaar
Mooney
Moore (AL)
Moore (WI)
Moran
Morelle
Moskowitz
Mrvan
Mullin
Murphy
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal
Neguse
Newhouse
Nickel
Nunn (IA)
Oberholte
Ocasio-Cortez
Omar
Owens
Pallone
Palmer
Panetta
Pappas
Payne
Pelosi
Peltola
Pence
Perez
Peters
Pettersen
Pfluger
Pingree
Pocan
Porter
Posey
Pressley
Quigley
Ramirez
Raskin
Reschenthaler
Rogers (AL)
Rose
Ross
Rouzer

Ruiz
Ruppersberger
Rutherford
Ryan
Salazar
Salinas
Sánchez
Schakowsky
Schneider
Scholten
Schrier
Scott (VA)
Scott, Austin
Scott, David
Sessions
Sewell
Sherman
Sherrill
Slotkin
Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (WA)
Smucker
Sorensen
Soto
Spanberger
Stansbury
Stanton
Stauber
Steel
Stefanik
Steil
Steube
Stevens
Strickland
Strong
Sykes
Takano
Tenneny
Thanedar
Thompson (MS)
Thompson (PA)
Tiffany
Timmons
Titus
Tlaib
Tokuda
Tonko
Torres (CA)
Trahan
Trone
Turner
Underwood
Valadao
Van Drew
Van Dwyne
Van Orden
Vargas
Vasquez
Veasey
Velázquez
Wagner
Walberg
Waltz
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson Coleman
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Wenstrup
Westerman
Wexton
Wild
Williams (GA)
Williams (NY)
Williams (TX)
Wilson (FL)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Womack
Yakym
Zinke

NAYS—20

Biggs
Bishop (NC)
Brecheen
Burchett
Burlison
Clyde
Crane

Good (VA)
Gosar
Harris
Harshbarger
Luna
Massie
Norman

Perry
Rosendale
Roy
Schweikert
Self
Spartz

NOT VOTING—32

Buchanan	Lamborn	Pascarell
Buck	Maloy	Phillips
Carter (GA)	McHenry	Rodgers (WA)
Ciscomani	Meng	Rogers (KY)
Curtis	Mfume	Scalise
Davis (IL)	Miller (OH)	Schiff
Graves (MO)	Moore (UT)	Simpson
Griffith	Moulton	Swalwell
Grijalva	Nehls	Thompson (CA)
Hunt	Norcross	Torres (NY)
Kelly (MS)	Ogles	

□ 1902

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 21.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, due to flight disruptions, I was unfortunately unable to cast my vote for legislation considered on the House floor today. Had I been able to be present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 20, H.R. 5528, as amended, and "yea" on rollcall No. 21, S. 3427.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, today I missed a series of Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 20 and "yea" on rollcall No. 21.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I was not present in the House Chamber. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 20 and "yea" on rollcall No. 21.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, due to plane mechanical issues delaying my flight, I was unable to vote today. Had I been present, I would have voted: "yea" on rollcall No. 20 and "yea" on rollcall No. 21.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes this evening. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 20 and "yea" on rollcall No. 21.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 1633

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 1633, a bill originally introduced by Representative JOHNSON of Ohio, for the purposes of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

HONORING TENNESSEE STATE SENATOR ART SWANN

(Mr. BURCHETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, State Senator Art Swann, who served in the Tennessee State Senate since 2017.

Senator Swann is a seventh-generation Tennessean who was born and raised in Blount County, where he now represents. He graduated from Maryville High School, pronounced Maryville if you are from there, and got his bachelor's degree at the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1975.

Senator Swann was serving the Tennessee General Assembly on the house side when State Senator Doug Overbey, another good friend of mine, was appointed by President Donald Trump to be the U.S. attorney for east Tennessee. The Blount County Commission appointed Art to fill the vacancy, appropriately, and he has been in the role ever since. He recently announced, though, that he won't run for reelection.

Senator Swann is an outstanding public servant who has served the folks in Blount and Sevier Counties very well. He has proudly stood for the conservative principles that make east Tennessee so wonderful and that make our country the best in the world.

It is not in my notes, but I would be remiss without saying that the State of Tennessee has zero debt, Mr. Speaker—zero debt.

I wish him and his wife, Janet, the very best in his retirement.

SUPPORTING LEADER HAKEEM JEFFRIES

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for one minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to support Democratic Leader HAKEEM JEFFRIES and declare this Congress a Republican do-nothing Congress of epic proportions.

House Republicans continue to focus on chaos, dysfunction, and extremism. They continue to put politics and personal profit over the needs of the American people.

Democrats help Americans. Thanks to President Biden's leadership, wages and the stock market are up; inflation and gas prices are down.

Also, in the last 4 years, the Biden administration has created 14 million new jobs and supported a record-setting number of American businesses.

House Democrats want to work with Republicans to solve issues, such as protecting our border and Social Security. We are ready to get to work with our colleagues across the aisle. Hopefully we can build something together.

GREATER DUBOIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS BASH

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for one minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, the Greater DuBois

Chamber of Commerce held its annual Business Bash Saturday evening, where outstanding organizations and individuals were recognized.

The 2023 Small Business of the Year Award was presented to Penn Central Door, the premier provider of exceptional garage door solutions in the DuBois, Pennsylvania, area and beyond.

The 2023 Community Cup Award was presented to the DuBois Central Catholic School, DuBois Central Catholic, since DCC has emerged as a leader in academic excellence and character formation.

The 2023 DuBois Area Jaycees Distinguished Service Award was presented to Libby Gray. Known for more than 50 years of service to the DuBois area, Mrs. Gray has served on the board and as president of many groups, including the DuBois Regional Medical Center, YMCA, United Way, Public Broadcasting, the American Red Cross, the Catholic Social Services, and the Catholic Charities of the diocese of Erie.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to offer my congratulations and thanks to all of those recognized for their impactful contribution to the DuBois area community.

DEFEND DEMOCRACY AGENDA

(Mr. DELUZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for one minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I love this country, as so many here do. I remain as committed to it today as I was when I entered the Naval Academy as a 17-year-old. Through my voting rights, election security, and cybersecurity security work at Pitt Cyber and the Brennan Center, I know, like others, that the threats to this beautiful and fragile democracy of ours are serious.

In this very Chamber on January 6, insurrectionists attacked the people's government, spurred on by lies and conspiracy. Every patriotic American understands that government of, by, and for the people is a lot stronger than the guns and threats of extremists.

With antidemocratic forces on the rise, Congress needs an all-hands-on-deck approach to protecting our Constitution.

That is why, today, I launched my defend democracy agenda, a three-part policy roadmap to strengthen American democracy. Public trust is central, so my agenda starts with a critical slate of policies to try and earn back that trust.

I hope all with a love of country will join me in supporting these anticorruption, transparency, and reform measures for Congress and for political campaigns.

BRING THEM ALL HOME

(Mr. GUEST asked and was given permission to address the House for one

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the story of Eitan Levy. Eitan Levy was a cab driver from Bat Yam. On October 7, 2023, Eitan called his son to let him know that he would be dropping off a passenger, and 15 minutes later, he called back again to tell his son about the Hamas attack.

Eitan's son heard him shouting and was told that a drone had landed on his father's car. His son stayed on the phone with his father until terrorists kidnapped him. Eitan was not heard from again.

In December, his family was notified that Eitan had been murdered by Hamas. His body is still being held by Hamas in Gaza to this day.

I stand here today to demand that Hamas release the body of Eitan, that it be released immediately to his family, as well as to release all remaining hostages. We must stand with Israel as it works to destroy Hamas and free its citizens wrongly held by the terrorist group.

It is time to bring Eitan's body home. It is time to bring them all home.

HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL DAN GABRIELLI

(Ms. OMAR asked and was given permission to address the House for one minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brigadier General Dan Gabrielli, who retires after 35 years with the Minnesota National Guard and the United States Air Force.

Under his leadership, the Minnesota Guard addressed complex challenges, including overseeing 59,000 COVID vaccines and massive domestic airlifts during Operation Capitol Response in 2021.

I first met General Gabrielli as the 133rd Airlift Wing commander, where his impact on shaping airmen to serve with dignity was unmistakable. His leadership led to frequent and high recognition for the 133rd.

In 2022, I witnessed his exemplary command at Task Force Holloman during Operation Allies Welcome, successfully resettling over 7,000 Afghans.

His commitment extends beyond his official office as he continues to advocate for Afghan refugees in his personal capacity.

Mr. Speaker, Brigadier General Gabrielli epitomizes selfless service and excellence. It is my greatest privilege to honor and thank Brigadier General Dan Gabrielli for his distinguished career and celebrate his well-deserved retirement.

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RECOGNIZING HARVEY "JACK" MURPHY

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Jack Murphy who passed away at the age of 74.

While attending Mercer University, Jack was introduced to Mrs. Peggy Jewel Womack, and they married in 1959. The couple remained in the area to allow Jack to begin his surgical residency at Macon Hospital.

After starting a family of three children, Dr. Murphy worked as a surgeon at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah. He also worked as the first team physician for local K-12 schools in Savannah, hoping to encourage kids to remain in sports and away from drugs and violence.

Dr. Murphy also served as the chairman of the St. Joseph's/Candler Central Credentials Committee and the Health System's Board of Directors. Nurses who noted Dr. Murphy's energetic and personable character gave him the nickname "Happy Jack." In 2006, the Georgia Medical Society honored Dr. Murphy's contributions with a "Healthcare Heroes" award.

Dr. Murphy will be remembered for his commitment to his family, his friends, and his community. His legacy of serving others will live on forever.

THE PROGRAM INC.

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate The Program Inc., a mentorship program in our Ninth District of Ohio that exists to provide an opportunity for young boys to develop their social and life skills.

The program leads them to learn and deal effectively with the demands of everyday life. The organization's Tie Event paints a vivid picture of young boys finding guidance and inspiration in the absence of father figures.

Tramain Rayford, the CEO and co-founder, is committed to being that crucial figure for other young men. The Tie Event started with the simple act of teaching young boys how to tie a tie.

As Mr. Rayford reflects on what young men need, he emphasizes attributes of respect. Each boy receives a tie and learns to tie it. The young men are guided by 18-year-old Mr. Kyree King, whose 5-year journey with the organization transformed not just his skills but his self-respect and confidence.

In essence, The Program Inc.'s commitment to mentorship transcends the practicality of tying a tie. It becomes a narrative of personal growth and self-confidence and achieves the profound impact of positive mentorship on young lives.

HONORING AND REMEMBERING OFFICER DANIEL P. DIDATO

(Mr. LAWLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and remember Officer Daniel P. DiDato, a dedicated servant to the town of East Fishkill for 19 years.

Tragically taken from us on December 18, Officer DiDato's legacy is one of unwavering commitment, camaraderie, and a passion for life that touched all who knew him.

Starting his career at the New York City Department of Environmental Protection in 2001 and joining the East Fishkill Police Department in 2005, Dan was a beacon of joy and strength in the East Fishkill community and amongst his fellow officers. Known for his quick wit, love of Marvel Comics, and an aficionado of pizza and other Italian cuisine, Dan connected with colleagues and friends through his humor, vast knowledge, and generous spirit.

Colleagues recall his spot-on impression, music recommendations, and heartfelt conversations. His presence brightened even the toughest days, leaving a lasting impression on everyone from seasoned officers to newcomers.

By honoring Officer DiDato here on the House floor, we celebrate a life of service, laughter, and profound impact. Dan was more than an officer, he was a beloved friend, a cherished community member, a beloved brother, and a true hero.

Thank you, Officer Daniel P. DiDato, for your service, your friendship, and the many lives you have touched. You will never be forgotten, and may God bless your family.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF MATTHEW PETER

(Mr. TONKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mourn the heavy loss of Matt Peter, a friend to all and a rising star in our community whose light was cut short far too soon.

As a former chief of staff to the mayor of Albany, an Albany County legislator, and executive director of the Albany Parking Authority, Matt was a public servant in the truest sense of the word. His passion and love for his community shone through in everything he did, and he had a determination and the know-how to get things done to improve people's lives.

He accomplished so much during his years as a legislator, from helping modernize the parking authority to championing policies that provide mental health and substance use treatment. While his impact will continue

to resonate with all across Albany city and Albany County, Matt will be best remembered for his kindness, his intelligence, and immense spirit of service.

My prayers and deepest condolences go out to his fiancée, Corinne, his parents, Bill and Nancy; his siblings, Brian and Sara; and all of his many family and loved ones.

Rest in peace, my dear friend.

PRESIDENT BIDEN'S LNG DECISION

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, President Biden's decision to completely stall LNG exports is a gut punch to the American economy, and it serves as a serious detriment to both energy security and national security.

Has he forgotten that just last year our country led the entire world in LNG exports?

Think about the American jobs that have been sacrificed because of this decision as well. While President Biden decides to trudge down this irresponsible path, our Nation's adversaries are salivating.

This administration is so determined to attack and undercut American energy that it is willing to sacrifice our geopolitical footing to do so.

Instead of caving to the demands of the far left, President Biden would do well to put American energy first.

APPRECIATING EMPLOYEES AT THE NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORD CENTER

(Mr. RASKIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, we are pretty good at attacking Federal workers around here, but we are not very good at praising them.

So I rise today to offer my profound appreciation for the hardworking employees at the National Personnel Records Center, who last week completed a huge achievement: They eliminated a large pandemic-related backlog of veteran records requests.

This is important to me, so I have been monitoring the situation closely. Veterans and their families rely on these records in order to access all the benefits that they have earned, as well as critical services, including housing and healthcare.

Due to restrictions in place to protect worker health and safety during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the National Personnel Record Center amassed a gigantic backlog of tens of thousands of unfilled veteran record requests.

Last Congress, as a consequence of bipartisan oversight and urging by leaders in the House, employees at the National Archives came to implement several critical new steps in order to

address this backlog, including enhanced and reorganized staffing levels, technology updates, and digitizing millions of paper records.

We owe great thanks to the employees of the National Personnel Record Center for a job well done and for their great commitment, their passionate hard work, and their unswerving devotion to eliminate this backlog for America's veterans. It was a true success story of Federal workers.

ADVOCATING FOR OUR MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN

(Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to advocate for our military men and women and their families and the work that needs to be done to improve their quality of life.

As a former Navy helicopter pilot, Navy spouse, and now-Navy mom, taking care of our military members is one of my top priorities. We can do better for our military, and there is much work to do.

Two weeks ago, I attended the funeral of Navy Commander Doug Morea. A Naval Academy graduate, Doug was an F-18 pilot who led a squadron during a recent 9½-month deployment on the USS Truman.

He died by suicide, and his death was one of seven naval aviator suicides since July of last year. As I stood in the parking lot talking to base leadership after his funeral, I asked: Why? Why do we continue to see so many military suicides and the number rise?

The base commanding officer spoke about the pressure even senior officers feel to care for their people, including the most junior sailor. Our country continues to ask our military, and specifically our Navy, to do missions around the world to keep the peace and defend the freedoms we hold dear.

In order for our military men and women to complete this mission, we must provide resources they need to do their job. That begins with ensuring they have the quality of life they deserve.

WILDFIRE RECOVERY

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, as you know, the issue of wildfire in the West has been very devastating for several years now—many, many years—but there have been incredibly large fires in the last 5 and 7 to 10 years or so. So we have needed more and more help from FEMA post-fire.

So what we are working on is bipartisan legislation that is going to be called H.R. 7070 that will direct FEMA to update its regulations for the fire management assistance grant, public assistance, and mitigation programs.

This will help to respond to unique challenges of wildfires and improve wildfire mitigation after a fire, like debris removal, emergency protective measures, and impacts to drinking water sources. So it will help improve FEMA's cost-benefit analysis for wildfire projects to help them be more competitive for Federal funding.

I find this is extremely important in communities that are devastated after a fire, and it is still fairly new territory for FEMA when we are talking about the size and scope of fires we have had in recent years jumping from four- and five-digit size fires to six digits, hundreds of thousands, even 1 million acres like the Dixie fire in my district a couple years ago.

So this legislation will give FEMA more flexibility and better serve the people.

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IMMIGRATION AND THE CONSTITUTION

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I give much respect to this book called the Constitution, which, if we read some of the opening comments made, it is said that the Declaration of Independence was the promise and the Constitution was the fulfillment.

It is a good roadmap and a good truth, so it disturbs me that the Governor of the State of Texas is standing up against the supremacy of the United States and the Constitution. Amendment 10 says: The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States, respectively.

It is the responsibility of the United States Government to deal with immigration issues and, therefore, the Texas National Guard should not be militarized to stand up against the Border Patrol agents. Federal agents in the service of their Nation should be allowed to do their job and that is to secure the border, and they have been doing that.

Pass legislation is what this Congress must do to give further authority to the President of the United States, and those Border Patrol agents will follow the law. We need to ensure that the law is followed by the States and the Governors, and the law that the President upholds is a law that is supreme.

Mr. Speaker, follow the United States of America and that law.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
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Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-2955. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Importation of Fresh Beef From Paraguay [Docket No.: APHIS-2018-0007] (RIN: 0579-AE73) received January 22, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-2956. A letter from the Administrator, Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's affirmation of interim final rule as final rule — Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Temporary Suspension of Continuance Referendum [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-23-0007] received January 26, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-2957. A letter from the Director, Public Affairs and Congressional Relations, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting the Office's 2023 Annual Report, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 14; Feb. 18, 1875, ch. 80, Sec. 1 (as amended by Public Law 106-569, Sec. 1103(c)); (114 Stat. 3031); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-2958. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's Major Direct final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Refrigerators, Refrigerator-Freezers, and Freezers [EERE-2017-BT-STD-0003] (RIN: 1904-AF56) received January 22, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2959. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's issuance of regulatory guide — Qualification of Safety-Related Actuators in Production and Utilization Facilities, Regulatory Guide 1.73, Revision 2, received January 26, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2960. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Prudential Management and Operations Standards (RIN: 2590-AB10) received January 22, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-2961. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Secretariat Division, Acquisition Policy Division, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation; Standardizing Federal Supply Schedule Clause and Provision Prescriptions [GSAR Case 2022-G514; Docket No.: GSA-GSAR-2023-0009; Sequence No. 1] (RIN: 3090-AK58) received January 22, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-2962. A letter from the Chair, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting the Board's report on competitive sourcing efforts for FY 2023, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 501 note; Public Law 108-199, Sec. 647(b); (118 Stat. 361); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-2963. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting a report titled "Comprehensive Inventory of U.S. Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Natural Gas Resources — 2023 Update", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 15912(b); Public Law 109-58, Sec. 357(b); (119 Stat. 720); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-2964. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Rules of Practice and Procedure; Civil Money Penalty Inflation Adjustment (RIN: 2590-AB31) received January 22, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2965. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Secretariat Division, Office of the General Counsel, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Civil Monetary Penalties Inflation Adjustment [FPMR Case 2024-01; Docket No.: GSA-FPMR-2023-0027; Sequence No. 1] (RIN: 3090-AK77) received January 22, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2966. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Adjustment of Civil Penalties for Inflation (RIN: 1212-AB45) received January 22, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2967. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final regulations — De Minimis Error Safe Harbor Exceptions to Penalties for Failure to File Correct Information Returns or Furnish Correct Payee Statements [TD: 9984] (RIN: 1545-BN59) received January 22, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-2968. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Miscellaneous Changes Under the SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022 (Notice 2024-2) received January 22, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-2969. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — 2023 Cumulative List of Changes in Plan Qualification Requirements for Defined Contribution Qualified Pre-approved Plans (Notice 2024-3) received January 22, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-2970. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Revenue Ruling: 2023 Base Period T-Bill Rate (Rev. Rule: 2023-23) received January 22, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-2971. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Federal Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR) Process Administrative Fee and Certified IDR Entity Fee Ranges [TD: 9985] (RIN: 1545-BQ94) received January 22, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON
PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. BOST: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 3738. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-360). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. STEIL: Committee on House Administration. H.R. 6513. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to confirm the requirement that States allow access to designated congressional election observers to observe the election administration procedures in congressional elections (Rept. 118-361). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BURGESS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 980. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5585) to impose criminal and immigration penalties for intentionally fleeing a pursuing Federal officer while operating a motor vehicle; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6678) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed Social Security fraud are inadmissible and deportable; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6679) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to aliens who carried out, participated in, planned, financed, supported, or otherwise facilitated the attacks against Israel; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6976) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed an offense for driving while intoxicated or impaired are inadmissible and deportable. (Rept. 118-362). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. CISCOMANI (for himself and Mr. BOST):

H.R. 7100. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the organization of the Office of Survivors Assistance of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ARMSTRONG (for himself, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. FLOOD, Mr. MANN, and Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas):

H.R. 7101. A bill to establish requirements for the Federal Trade Commission with respect to certain rules related to automotive retailing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas (for herself and Mr. CRANE):

H.R. 7102. A bill to establish an Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. STAUBER (for himself, Mr. MCGARVEY, and Mr. LALOTA):

H.R. 7103. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to require Federal agencies to testify and report on scores received under the scorecard program for evaluating Federal agency compliance with small business contracting goals, to testify for failure to meet

Governmentwide contracting goals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. MANN (for himself and Mr. GOLDEN of Maine):

H.R. 7104. A bill to require the National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board to submit an annual report on the activities of the Board and other information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself and Mr. LALOTA):

H.R. 7105. A bill to establish requirements relating to certification of small business concerns owned and controlled by women for certain purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. BEYER (for himself and Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN):

H.R. 7106. A bill to amend the National Oceans and Coastal Security Act to make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. CAMMACK (for herself, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. BACON, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. DONALDS, Ms. SALAZAR, Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, and Mr. CAREY):

H.R. 7107. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to expand to State, local, Tribal, territorial, and educational institution law enforcement the availability of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers' human trafficking awareness training to equip frontline first responders with the knowledge to recognize and properly respond to potential human trafficking situations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mrs. HAYES):

H.R. 7108. A bill to support States and high-need local educational agencies in increasing the number of mental health services providers in schools; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. EDWARDS (for himself and Mr. DAVIDSON):

H.R. 7109. A bill to require a citizenship question on the decennial census, to require reporting on certain census statistics, and to modify apportionment of Representatives to be based on United States citizens instead of all persons; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT (for himself and Mr. TORRES of New York):

H.R. 7110. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require building inspections for certain qualified low-income buildings; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MAST:

H.R. 7111. A bill to establish the policy of the United States that the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East should be disbanded completely, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. MATSUI:

H.R. 7112. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to develop a framework and tracking system to monitor the top 100 illegal robocall campaigns and to publish a monthly report on such campaigns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MOSKOWITZ:

H.R. 7113. A bill making emergency supplemental appropriations in line with the President's request in response to the ongoing attack on Ukraine's sovereignty by Russia and

in response to the attacks in Israel for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 7114. A bill to establish a grant program to assist States to establish or expand universal prekindergarten in public schools and public charter schools; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 7115. A bill to permit individuals 70 years of age or older to opt out of jury service in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. PALLONE (for himself, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SORESENSEN, and Mr. SOTO):

H.R. 7116. A bill to strengthen certain provisions relating to restrictions on robocalls and telemarketing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ROSENDALE (for himself, Mr. OGLES, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. BURLISON):

H.R. 7117. A bill to limit Federal law enforcement use of data from motor vehicle event data recorders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ROSENDALE (for himself, Mr. BABIN, and Mr. OGLES):

H.R. 7118. A bill to prohibit the Federal Government from taking any action to regain control of, access, or otherwise interfere in activities carried out by the State of Texas in the vicinity of Shelby Park in Eagle Pass, Texas, without the consent of the State of Texas; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. SÁNCHEZ (for herself, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. CHU, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. FROST, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PASCRELL, and Mr. TONKO):

H.R. 7119. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to prohibit skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities from using pre-dispute arbitration agreements with respect to residents of those facilities under the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 7120. A bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to revise the Telemarketing Sales Rule to require disclosures for telemarketing using artificial intelligence and to provide for enhanced penalties for violations involving artificial intelligence voice or text message impersonation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself and Mr. FROST):

H.R. 7121. A bill to place post-employment restrictions on certain former employees of

insured depository institutions, insured credit unions, and certain agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. MAST, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina):

H.R. 7122. A bill to prohibit aid that will benefit Hamas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. SORESENSEN (for himself and Mr. CISCOMANT):

H.R. 7123. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require disclosures with respect to robocalls using artificial intelligence and to provide for enhanced penalties for certain violations involving artificial intelligence voice or text message impersonation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SOTO:

H.R. 7124. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to direct the Federal Communications Commission to promulgate regulations that require providers of voice service to offer a robocall-blocking service at no additional charge to the customer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. WEXTON (for herself, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. ROSE, Mr. SHERMAN, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. MEEKS, and Mr. NUNN of Iowa):

H.R. 7125. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to instruct the United States Executive Directors at the international financial institutions to advocate opposition to projects that make use of forced labor; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. RESCHENTHALER (for himself and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina):

H. Res. 979. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that public health authorities and tobacco control advocates should encourage American innovation and embrace harm reduction as part of the comprehensive United States approach to tobacco control; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas:

H. Res. 981. A resolution recognizing the importance of Tribal colleges and universities to the United States and expressing support for designating the week beginning February 5, 2024, as "National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week"; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. MCCAUL (for himself, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. JAMES, Ms. JACOBS, Mrs. KIM of California, and Mr. KILDEE):

H. Res. 982. A resolution condemning the continued violence in Sudan and calling on the international community to unequivocally support diplomatic efforts to achieve a cessation of hostilities, ensure the protection of civilians and secure unfettered access for humanitarian aid; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. SCANLON (for herself, Mr. BACON, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. CHU, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. TRONE, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. GRIMALVA, Ms. TITUS, Ms. LEE of Nevada, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER):

H. Res. 983. A resolution recognizing January 2024 as "National Mentoring Month"; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

ML-87. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of Michigan, relative to Senate Resolution No. 78, condemning the terrorist attacks carried out by Hamas in Israel on October 7, 2023; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and the Judiciary.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. CISCOMANI:

H.R. 7100.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article One, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Reorganization of the Office of Survivors Assistance within the Department of Veterans Affairs.

By Mr. ARMSTRONG:

H.R. 7101.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill meets the single subject requirement as it prohibits the finalization, implementation, or enforcement of a specific Federal Trade Commission rule.

By Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas:

H.R. 7102.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To establish an Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration

By Mr. STAUBER:

H.R. 7103.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 "The Congress shall have Power to . . . provide for the . . . general Welfare of the United States; . . ."

The single subject of this legislation is:

Small business contracting.

By Mr. MANN:

H.R. 7104.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 "The Congress shall have Power to . . . provide for the . . . general Welfare of the United States; . . ."

The single subject of this legislation is:

Small business counseling.

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 7105.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, which gives Congress the power "to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

The single subject of this legislation is:

This legislation would require federal agencies to count SBA certified women-

owned small businesses towards their small business goals.

By Mr. BEYER:

H.R. 7106.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

natural resources

By Mrs. CAMMACK:

H.R. 7107.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Constitution, to provide for the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of the Congress.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Public Safety

By Ms. DELAURO:

H.R. 7108.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 3 provides Congress with the power to "regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes."

The single subject of this legislation is:

To support States and high-need local educational agencies in increasing the number of mental health services providers in schools.

By Mr. EDWARDS:

H.R. 7109.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

"Regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes."

The single subject of this legislation is:

Requires a citizenship question on the decennial census, reporting on certain census statistics, and modifies apportionment of Representatives to be based on United States citizens instead of all persons.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT:

H.R. 7110.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

section 5 of Amendment XIV to the Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require building inspections for certain qualified low-income buildings.

By Mr. MAST:

H.R. 7111.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

Would establish as U.S. policy that the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) should be disbanded completely.

By Ms. MATSUI:

H.R. 7112.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to develop a framework and tracking system to monitor the top 100 illegal robocall campaigns and to publish a monthly report on such campaigns, and for other purposes.

By Mr. MOSKOWITZ:

H.R. 7113.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Pursuant to clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee find the authority for this legislation in article I, section 8 of the Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is: Supplemental emergency funding.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 7114.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill would provide funding to states to establish and expand prekindergarten programs in public and public charter schools for three- and four-year-old children.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 7115.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 17 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill would allow individuals 70 years of age or older to opt out of jury service in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

By Mr. PALLONE:

H.R. 7116.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3: [The Congress shall have Power] To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian Tribes;

The single subject of this legislation is:

To strengthen certain provisions relating to restrictions on robocalls and telemarketing, and for other purposes.

By Mr. ROSENDALE:

H.R. 7117.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Protecting vehicle owner's black box data.

By Mr. ROSENDALE:

H.R. 7118.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Border Security

By Ms. SÁNCHEZ:

H.R. 7119.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Legislating

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 7120.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3: The Congress shall have Power . . . To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Federal Trade Commission to revise the Telemarketing Sales Rule to require disclosures for telemarketing using artificial intelligence and to provide for enhanced penalties for violations involving artificial intelligence voice or text message impersonation, and for other purposes.

By Mr. SCHIFF:

H.R. 7121.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Financial Services

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 7122.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

The single subject of this legislation is:

Foreign Aid Funding

By Mr. SORESENSEN:

H.R. 7123.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
clause of section 8 of article I of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require disclosures with respect to robocalls using artificial intelligence and to provide for enhanced penalties for certain violations involving artificial intelligence voice or text message impersonation, and for other purposes.

By Mr. SOTO:

H.R. 7124.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to direct the Federal Communications Commission to promulgate regulations that require providers of voice service to offer a robocall-blocking service at no additional charge to the customer, and for other purposes.

By Ms. WEXTON:

H.R. 7125.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

the Commerce Clause, Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 along with the Necessary and Proper Clause, Article I, Section 8, Clause 18.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill requires the Secretary of Treasury to instruct the US Executive Director at each International Financial Institution (IFI) to use the voice, vote, and influence of the US to oppose the provision of a loan to any project that would use forced labor and require the Secretary to submit a written report per year for 5 years that would detail any projects approved by an IFI.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS TO PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 16: Ms. PORTER and Mr. CARTWRIGHT.
H.R. 30: Mr. GREEN of Texas.
H.R. 152: Ms. HAGEMAN.
H.R. 405: Mrs. HARSHBARGER.
H.R. 419: Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 431: Mr. KUSTOFF.
H.R. 451: Mrs. MILLER of Illinois.
H.R. 537: Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mr. EVANS, Ms. SALINAS, and Mr. RUTHERFORD.
H.R. 549: Ms. SCHOLTEN and Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas.
H.R. 552: Mr. NEHLS.
H.R. 603: Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. IVEY, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. MOYLAN, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. EDWARDS, and Mr. BOST.
H.R. 607: Mr. TRONE.
H.R. 618: Mr. BARR.
H.R. 619: Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. JAYAPAL, and Mr. RYAN.
H.R. 620: Mr. RYAN, Ms. JAYAPAL, and Mr. THOMPSON of California.
H.R. 661: Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas.
H.R. 681: Ms. STRICKLAND, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. PHILLIPS, and Ms. MCCOLLUM.
H.R. 683: Mr. FINSTAD.
H.R. 724: Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 727: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York and Ms. ADAMS.
H.R. 743: Ms. DE LA CRUZ and Mr. ROGERS of Alabama.

H.R. 807: Mr. MORELLE and Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas.

H.R. 895: Ms. CLARKE of New York.

H.R. 984: Mr. ROUZER and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.

H.R. 1045: Ms. SPANBERGER, Mr. NICKEL, and Ms. SALINAS.

H.R. 1092: Mr. LAMALFA.

H.R. 1179: Mr. BACON.

H.R. 1191: Mr. JOYCE of Ohio.

H.R. 1230: Mr. THANEDAR.

H.R. 1247: Mr. PETERS and Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER.

H.R. 1295: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 1310: Mr. BOST.

H.R. 1351: Ms. SPANBERGER.

H.R. 1359: Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. DELUZIO, and Mr. ESPAILLAT.

H.R. 1387: Mr. SCHIFF and Ms. STEVENS.

H.R. 1390: Ms. SCHOLTEN.

H.R. 1437: Mr. LUCAS.

H.R. 1441: Mr. THOMPSON of California.

H.R. 1446: Ms. SANCHEZ.

H.R. 1507: Mr. POCAN, Ms. STANSBURY, and Ms. TLAIB.

H.R. 1538: Mr. THANEDAR.

H.R. 1572: Mr. KHANNA and Mr. LIEU.

H.R. 1610: Ms. PORTER, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. ZINKE, and Mrs. TRAHAN.

H.R. 1649: Mr. PANETTA.

H.R. 1668: Ms. HOYLE of Oregon.

H.R. 1679: Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1705: Ms. SPANBERGER.

H.R. 1737: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER and Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia.

H.R. 1788: Mrs. PELTOLA, Ms. WILD, and Ms. PEREZ.

H.R. 1815: Ms. TLAIB.

H.R. 1831: Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Mrs. MCBATH.

H.R. 1833: Mr. JACKSON of North Carolina.

H.R. 2371: Ms. STANSBURY.

H.R. 2400: Ms. SPANBERGER.

H.R. 2447: Ms. SALINAS, Mr. VEASEY, and Mr. NORCROSS.

H.R. 2480: Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 2552: Ms. LEE of California.

H.R. 2662: Mr. MURPHY.

H.R. 2725: Mr. KIM of New Jersey.

H.R. 2825: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.

H.R. 2871: Mr. LIEU.

H.R. 2940: Mr. KEAN of New Jersey and Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK.

H.R. 2987: Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 3005: Mr. THOMPSON of California.

H.R. 3092: Mr. BOWMAN, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. SABLON, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. ADAMS, and Mrs. RAMIREZ.

H.R. 3106: Ms. NORTON, Mr. SCHIFF, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.

H.R. 3145: Ms. BALINT.

H.R. 3239: Mr. GRIJALVA.

H.R. 3269: Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. CUELLAR, and Ms. MALLIOTAKIS.

H.R. 3310: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 3322: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 3348: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 3377: Ms. STANSBURY.

H.R. 3381: Mrs. FISCHBACH and Mr. RUPPERSBERGER.

H.R. 3386: Mr. D'ESPOSITO.

H.R. 3410: Mr. DONALDS.

H.R. 3432: Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. THANEDAR, and Mr. BALDERSON.

H.R. 3433: Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. SOTO, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mrs. BICE, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. MANN, and Ms. SCANLON.

H.R. 3541: Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 3658: Mr. LARSEN of Washington.

H.R. 3682: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York and Ms. BUSH.

H.R. 3755: Ms. SALINAS.

H.R. 3847: Ms. LEE of California.

H.R. 3851: Mr. DESAULNIER and Ms. CHU.

H.R. 3854: Mr. DELUZIO and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.

H.R. 3861: Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 3875: Ms. TLAIB.

H.R. 3899: Mr. AMO.

H.R. 3949: Mrs. CAMMACK.

H.R. 3957: Mr. RYAN.

H.R. 4125: Mr. RYAN.

H.R. 4173: Ms. SALINAS.

H.R. 4202: Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 4221: Mr. NICKEL.

H.R. 4319: Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEMER.

H.R. 4323: Mr. LOUDERMILK.

H.R. 4326: Mr. JACKSON of North Carolina.

H.R. 4327: Ms. SCHRIER.

H.R. 4335: Ms. STANSBURY.

H.R. 4340: Ms. BROWNLEY.

H.R. 4422: Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. MFUME, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, and Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 4438: Mr. JACKSON of North Carolina.

H.R. 4536: Mr. LEVIN.

H.R. 4581: Ms. SPANBERGER.

H.R. 4611: Mr. TONKO and Mr. DELUZIO.

H.R. 4612: Mr. BANKS.

H.R. 4624: Mr. RASKIN.

H.R. 4663: Mr. CROW and Mr. CÁRDENAS.

H.R. 4745: Mr. JOYCE of Ohio.

H.R. 4794: Mrs. STEEL.

H.R. 4842: Mr. HILL.

H.R. 4867: Mr. MILLS.

H.R. 4878: Mrs. HARSHBARGER.

H.R. 4993: Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN.

H.R. 4999: Mr. NICKEL.

H.R. 5030: Mr. LUTTRELL.

H.R. 5048: Ms. STANSBURY.

H.R. 5049: Mr. GOTTHEIMER and Ms. TLAIB.

H.R. 5074: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.

H.R. 5141: Mr. THOMPSON of California.

H.R. 5254: Ms. STANSBURY.

H.R. 5266: Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. SIMPSON, and Mr. KUSTOFF.

H.R. 5290: Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania.

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H.R. 5357: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 5359: Mr. DUARTE.

H.R. 5376: Mr. MOORE of Alabama.

H.R. 5456: Ms. STEVENS, Mr. MFUME, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. BROWN, and Mr. LIEU.

H.R. 5511: Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 5526: Mr. ROUZER.

H.R. 5530: Mr. STAUBER, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. CROW, and Ms. SALINAS.

H.R. 5611: Mrs. CAMMACK.

H.R. 5754: Mr. THOMPSON of California and Mr. OBERNOLTE.

H.R. 5778: Mr. PFLUGER.

H.R. 5813: Ms. WILD.

H.R. 5822: Ms. SCHOLTEN.

H.R. 5838: Mr. GALLEG0.

H.R. 5879: Mr. MOORE of Alabama and Mr. FLOOD.

H.R. 5909: Mr. BACON.

H.R. 5976: Ms. STANSBURY and Ms. CHU.

H.R. 5995: Mr. KHANNA and Mr. LIEU.

H.R. 6031: Mr. GALLEG0.

H.R. 6046: Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. VAN ORDEN, and Mr. PFLUGER.

H.R. 6049: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. POSEY, and Mrs. MCBATH.

H.R. 6072: Mr. GIMENEZ.

H.R. 6094: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 6175: Mr. LAMBORN.

H.R. 6203: Ms. CHU.

H.R. 6213: Ms. NORTON and Mr. THANEDAR.

H.R. 6271: Mr. ALFORD and Mr. MANN.

H.R. 6280: Mr. STANTON.

H.R. 6293: Mrs. HAYES and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.

H.R. 6339: Mrs. MILLER of Illinois.

H.R. 6355: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 6377: Mr. CARTER of Louisiana and Ms. TOKUDA.

H.R. 6415: Ms. CARAVEO and Mr. MORELLE.
 H.R. 6432: Mr. FALLON and Mr. BRECHEEN.
 H.R. 6437: Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, and Ms. SCANLON.
 H.R. 6461: Ms. WILD.
 H.R. 6463: Ms. TITUS.
 H.R. 6492: Ms. NORTON, Mr. LIEU, and Mr. BANKS.
 H.R. 6515: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mrs. HAYES, and Ms. MCCOLLUM.
 H.R. 6522: Mr. DONALDS.
 H.R. 6525: Mr. THOMPSON of California.
 H.R. 6547: Mr. NEWHOUSE.
 H.R. 6591: Mr. THANEDAR.
 H.R. 6603: Mr. MOSKOWITZ.
 H.R. 6613: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.
 H.R. 6664: Mr. SOTO.
 H.R. 6672: Mr. AUCHINCLOSS and Mrs. TRAHAN.
 H.R. 6727: Mr. DUNCAN and Mrs. RADEWAGEN.
 H.R. 6733: Mr. VAN ORDEN.
 H.R. 6736: Mr. MOULTON.
 H.R. 6747: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.
 H.R. 6761: Ms. WILD.
 H.R. 6780: Mr. KILMER, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. MENG, and Ms. BARRAGÁN.
 H.R. 6795: Mr. HARRIS.
 H.R. 6832: Mr. CARTWRIGHT.
 H.R. 6841: Mr. PANETTA and Mr. CARTER of Georgia.
 H.R. 6860: Ms. KUSTER, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. LALOTA, and Ms. MALLIOTAKIS.
 H.R. 6864: Ms. DE LA CRUZ.

H.R. 6887: Mr. GARBARINO.
 H.R. 6888: Ms. CRAIG.
 H.R. 6944: Ms. STANSBURY.
 H.R. 6952: Mr. EDWARDS and Mr. GOLDEN of Maine.
 H.R. 6953: Mr. MOORE of Alabama.
 H.R. 6958: Mr. ROUZER.
 H.R. 6962: Mr. TIMMONS.
 H.R. 6963: Mr. SOTO.
 H.R. 6967: Mr. BURLISON.
 H.R. 6973: Mr. BAIRD.
 H.R. 7003: Mr. OBERNOLTE.
 H.R. 7015: Mr. COLE.
 H.R. 7017: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.
 H.R. 7018: Mr. RYAN.
 H.R. 7027: Mr. MOOLENAAR.
 H.R. 7045: Mr. ROUZER.
 H.R. 7059: Mr. QUIGLEY.
 H.R. 7060: Ms. BARRAGÁN and Mr. THOMPSON of California.
 H.R. 7083: Mr. FRY, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. CRANE, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. LANGWORTHY.
 H.R. 7092: Mr. OGLES and Mr. TIMMONS.
 H.R. 7094: Ms. LEE of California.
 H.J. Res. 54: Mrs. SYKES.
 H. Con. Res. 38: Mr. GARBARINO.
 H. Con. Res. 74: Mrs. LESKO.
 H. Res. 43: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.
 H. Res. 50: Mrs. HINSON, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. BRECHEEN, and Mr. HERN.
 H. Res. 100: Mr. MOORE of Alabama.
 H. Res. 149: Mr. LANDSMAN.
 H. Res. 195: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. RUIZ, and Mr. GARAMENDI.
 H. Res. 262: Ms. NORTON.

H. Res. 561: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois and Ms. CARAVEO.
 H. Res. 585: Mr. RASKIN.
 H. Res. 627: Mr. NICKEL and Mr. MOORE of Alabama.
 H. Res. 791: Mr. LAWLER.
 H. Res. 837: Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia.
 H. Res. 850: Mr. MILLS.
 H. Res. 882: Mr. ALLRED, Mr. HARDER of California, and Mr. VALADAO.
 H. Res. 895: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
 H. Res. 899: Mr. LAWLER.
 H. Res. 901: Mr. BOST and Mr. SCHIFF.
 H. Res. 915: Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. SMUCKER, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
 H. Res. 935: Mr. LYNCH.
 H. Res. 966: Mr. MOULTON and Mrs. FISCHBACH.
 H. Res. 977: Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. KILMER, Mr. LALOTA, and Mr. TURNER.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

PT-9. The SPEAKER presented a petition of Attorneys General Representing 26 States, relative to urging both Congress and the White House to provide financial and humanitarian assistance to Israel as she defends herself against those who seek her annihilation; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF THE ANDERSON CENTER FOR AUTISM

HON. PATRICK RYAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 100-year anniversary of the Anderson Center for Autism.

In 1924, the Anderson Center for Autism, founded by psychiatrist Victor V. Anderson, was created to enhance, and optimize the quality of life for individuals who are born with autism as well as their families.

By developing an integrated educational system that helped children with their emotional and social needs, Dr. Anderson developed a nationally renowned autism service agency to support the community around the world.

Through the development of new technologies and practices to help with autism services, individuals can thrive and take advantage of this beautiful campus.

During the commencement ceremony in 1944, First-Lady Eleanor Roosevelt addressed the community and the center's 14 graduates. During her speech, Roosevelt left the community with three quotes; "Remember always that you not only have the right to be an individual, you have an obligation to be one," "You have to accept whatever comes and the only important thing is that you meet it with courage," and "You must do the thing which you think you cannot do." These quotes still resonate today as the center succeeds in staying true to its founding and I wish the center the best of luck in the next 100 years.

RECOGNIZING THE SCHOOL OF MINES FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the School of Mines for ranking number one in NCAA Division II for the first time in their football program's history. The Orediggers fought hard for their spot at the top through a strong and impressive season. They earned the division title by winning the Super Region IV final for the third year in a row and made the playoffs for the fifth year in a row, continuing the second-longest playoff streak in the country. Although they did not win in the final championship game, their season was an inspiration to people across Colorado.

This achievement was earned by the dedication of the players, support from students and the community, and the coaching of Pete Sterbick. The team has proven that the Colorado School of Mines is more than an academic powerhouse, it is an athletic one as well.

On behalf of the residents of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, I congratulate the Orediggers on their successful season.

INTRODUCTION OF THE UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ACT OF 2024

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Universal Prekindergarten and Early Childhood Education Act of 2024, which would establish and expand prekindergarten programs in public and public charter schools for three- and four-year-old children.

This bill seeks a breakthrough in public education by providing funding for states to add prekindergarten for children at three and four years of age, like the kindergarten programs for five-year-olds now routinely available in public schools. This bill would eliminate major shortcomings of unevenly available day care and, importantly, would take advantage of the safe facilities required in public schools.

This bill would provide federal funds to states, which would be matched by at least 20 percent of a state's own funds, to establish or expand universal, voluntary prekindergarten in public and public charter schools for three- and four-year-olds, regardless of income. The classes, which would be full-day and run throughout the entire school year, would be taught by teachers who possess equivalent or similar qualifications to those teaching other grades in the school. The funds would supplement, not supplant, other federal funds for early childhood education. The unique, money-saving aspect of this bill is that it would use existing public-school infrastructure and trained teachers to make early childhood education available to all, saving billions of dollars in implementation costs.

The success of Head Start and other prekindergarten programs, combined with scientific evidence on the importance of brain development in early childhood, virtually mandates the expansion of early childhood education to all children. Early learning programs have been available only to the affluent, who can afford them, and to some low-income families in programs such as Head Start, which would be unaffected by this bill. This bill is a practical way to create universal, public prekindergarten. The goal of this bill is to provide the benefits of early childhood education to those who have been left out of this essential education.

We cannot afford to allow the most fertile years for childhood development to pass unenriched. This bill responds both to the great needs of parents who seek early childhood education and neuroscience, which shows that a child's brain development begins much earlier than had been previously understood.

Considering the staggering cost of day care, the inaccessibility of early childhood education and the opportunity that early education offers to improve a child's chances of success, schooling for three- and four-year-olds is overdue. The absence of viable options for working families demands our immediate attention.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT C. COATES

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and lasting contributions of The Honorable Robert C. Coates, a critical leader in the California judicial system. Judge Coates leaves behind an indelible legacy of service, selflessness, and humanitarianism.

Born in Pacific Beach in 1937, Judge Coates spent his early years cultivating what would become a lifelong passion for protecting the environment and addressing the most pressing issues impacting his community. After graduating with his Bachelor of Science in Engineering Geology from San Diego State University, Judge Coates joined the Naval Reserve, where he faithfully served our country.

Driven by a commitment to justice, Judge Coates earned his Juris Doctor from the California Western School of Law, beginning what would become an almost six decades-long career in the legal system. As a trial lawyer for 12 years, Judge Coates undertook a wide range of civil and criminal defense cases at the state and federal levels and notably won a case before the California Supreme Court.

In 1982, Judge Coates was appointed to a position as a Judge, where he spearheaded efforts to establish the highly successful Serial Inebriate Program, aimed at treating chronic alcohol abuse. In addition, Judge Coates was a leader in changing how the court addresses homelessness and mental health issues, helping pave the way toward a more equitable judicial system in California and beyond.

Judge Coates' commitment to enacting positive change was not only expressed through his critical work as a lawyer and judge, but also through his mentorship of the next generation of lawyers. He served as an Adjunct Law Professor at the University of San Diego School of Law, where he developed the School's Environmental Law course and established and directed the Environmental and Natural Resources Forum. Judge Coates' critical role in legal education also extended to the Thomas Jefferson School of Law, where he created and taught the Poverty Law course.

In addition to his leadership and mentorship, Judge Coates exemplified the spirit of altruism in all areas of his life. He chaired the San

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Diego's Homeless Women Task Force, providing critical support to women who lack access to public health and psychological care. He also authored multiple books addressing the homelessness crisis in America, including *A Street is Not a Home*, which served as a model for multiple Grand Juries in implementing equitable solutions to housing disputes.

Judge Coates' enduring spirit will live on in his wife of 19 years, daughter, son, and three grandchildren. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Judge Coates' loved ones. I know that they, along with the people of California, join me in celebrating his life and legacy.

HONORING RABBI FELIPE
GOODMAN

HON. SUSIE LEE

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rabbi Felipe Goodman for his 25 years of dedicated service to Temple Beth Shalom and southern Nevada.

Before joining Temple Beth Shalom in 1998, Rabbi Goodman served as assistant Rabbi in Comunidad Bet-El de Mexico in Mexico City, one of the largest conservative synagogues in Latin America. He also co-authored the most widely distributed Pesach Haggadah of the Conservative Movement in Latin America.

Rabbi Goodman has served as the Senior Rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom in Las Vegas, Nevada for 25 years, and his charisma and dedication to community has made a profound impact on our Jewish community. Attendance at Shabbat services has increased significantly during his tenure through innovative programming and a true sense of community that has transformed Temple Beth Shalom into a more vibrant and stronger congregation.

Rabbi Goodman remains an active leader outside the synagogue. He currently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Joint Retirement Board of the Conservative Movement. He is also one of the nine Permanent Members of the Joint Bet Din of Conservative Judaism, and one of a group of only 17 Conservative Rabbis in the world certified by The Joint Bet Din of The Conservative Movement, as experts in the laws and writing of "Gittin." Rabbi Goodman is also part of the AIPAC National Leadership Council and is working on his new book, "Torah from Sin City."

In 2013, Rabbi Goodman was selected by The Daily Forward as one of America's Most Inspiring Rabbis, among the distinguished "36 Rabbis Shaping The 21st Century." In the past, he has served as a member of The Chancellor's Rabbinic Advisory Committee at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, a member of the Executive Committee of the Rabbinical Assembly, and as President of the Board of Rabbis of Southern Nevada.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring Rabbi Felipe Goodman for his many years of dedicated service to southern Nevada, and in congratulating Rabbi Goodman on his 25th Anniversary Jubilee.

EDWARD GANT, LIFE AND LEGACY

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the Life and Legacy of Edward Gant.

Born in Pleasantville, New Jersey and raised in Absecon, New Jersey, Edward Gant spent much of his childhood along the beautiful shores of New Jersey, being considered by those close to him a "Bay Rat". Edward Gant enjoyed the shore so much that it became a way of life for him. He was a fisherman among many other things, and passing those traits onto his children, most notably Gabriel and Matthew Gant. While spending many of his days enjoying New Jersey's magnificent waters, in the spring of 1974 Edward Gant began an apprenticeship, that would become a staple in who he was.

Edward Gant was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 351, and during his career he became IBEW's business manager and, was an advocate and instrumental voice involved in many individuals' careers as well as local organized labor. During his time as a IBEW member, he became a close friend and mentor to me. Edward Gant and I worked closely together not only in IBEW related matters but matters that were paramount to all working families.

Returning to his roots in Pleasantville, New Jersey, Edward Gant spent time as a board member on the New Jersey Casino Redevelopment Authority (CRDA). It was evident that his love for the area in which he grew up and developed so many fond memories held a special place in his heart. Edward Gant wanted to give back, making positive and everlasting change.

Today, Edward Gant is survived by his wife Susan; his son and daughter in law, Gabriel and Kiersten; his son and daughter Matthew and Andrea; and his two grandchildren, Lyla and Jaxson.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and commending Edward Gant of Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, a resident dedicated to his community and who has thoroughly served them to the best of his ability.

HONORING KENTUCKY EAGLE, INC.

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kentucky Eagle, Inc., which is located in Lexington, Kentucky. The company celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2023.

Kentucky Eagle, an alcoholic beverage wholesaler, was founded in 1948 by O.A. Bakhaus. Mr. Bakhaus moved from Oklahoma to Kentucky during the Great Depression in 1937 to support his mother and sister. After serving his country as a Major in World War II, he continued his business career back home in Lexington with numerous different businesses, one being what is today Kentucky Eagle.

In 1997, Mr. Bakhaus' daughter, Ann Bakhaus, became the company's second CEO. She ran the company as a family business and diversified its products. Under her leadership, the company experienced growth and success.

Seventy-five years after its founding, Kentucky Eagle has grown into a leading beverage distributor in the state, delivering beer, soda (Kentucky's own Ale-8-One among others) and water to 23 counties in central Kentucky as well as fine Kentucky Bourbons and other wines and spirits to all counties statewide where alcohol sales are legal.

Today, Kentucky Eagle employs over 250 hard-working Kentuckians and is very close to completing an 80,000-square-foot warehouse expansion. The team is led by Mr. Bakhaus' grandchildren, who proudly represent the company as 3rd generation owners and plan on at least 75 more years of business in the Commonwealth. Tate Russell serves as President and Michael Russell is a Vice President of Kentucky Eagle.

Kentucky Eagle is a highly respected Kentucky business. As the company celebrates its 75th anniversary, I congratulate the owners and all the employees and wish them a bright future. I am honored to recognize this company before the United States Congress.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
REBECCA P. SWANSON

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, with a heavy heart, I stand before you today to pay tribute to the remarkable life and legacy of Williamsport resident, Rebecca Powell Swanson, who passed away on December 31, 2023.

Rebecca was a longtime substitute teacher in Warren, Pennsylvania, where she began her teaching career in the Warren County School District. She taught first at Sheffield Area High School, then at Beaty Middle School, and finally at Warren Area High School, where she retired in 1987.

Rebecca's unwavering commitment extended beyond the classroom. She proudly served as a member of the Warren First Presbyterian Church, where she taught Sunday School, took on the role of a Deacon, engaged in Bible Study circles, and later assumed the position of Secretary for the Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team.

Rebecca's involvement reached across various organizations, including the Warren Association of College Women, Retired Women Teachers of the City of Warren, Warren Forest Chapter of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees, and as a Full Life Member of the PASR.

Away from her commitments, Rebecca found joy in travel, literature, piano, crossword puzzles, and enjoyed many bridge games with friends. Most importantly, she enjoyed cheering on the Penn State Nittany Lion football team while surrounded by her loving family.

Today, I encourage my colleagues in Congress to join me in commemorating the life of Rebecca Powell Swanson. May the memory of Rebecca bring solace and blessings to her family, friends, and the community.

HONORING MR. JASON SMILEY
FOR HIS ACTIONS TO HELP OTHERS
ESCAPE FROM AN OVERTURNED VEHICLE

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I recognize and appreciate my constituent, Mr. Jason Smiley, for the actions he took to save strangers from an overturned vehicle on Christmas Eve. His service to this country has been exceptional and I thank him for the sacrifices that he and his family have made time and again.

On December 24th when a family found themselves in a dangerous and scary situation, he took action to ensure their safety. He should be commended for his action and his willingness to respond quickly, calmly, and without hesitation. In Colorado there are often severe weather conditions which lead to emergencies like this. It is not uncommon for Coloradans to be dependent on their neighbor's vigilance and kindness for assistance on the roads. I hope that Mr. Smiley's unhesitating willingness to intervene after an accident can be emulated by all my constituents.

What I admire most about Mr. Smiley's story is not only his eagerness to help others, but his willingness to do so after having already given so much for our country. Through injury and decades of military service, Mr. Smiley has been an exemplary member of his community and a good citizen.

In choosing to help others, he demonstrated the best characteristics of a serviceman: selflessness, attentiveness, and calm in the face of danger. It is an honor to represent Mr. Jason Smiley in Congress and it is my absolute pleasure to thank him not only for his eagerness to help, but for his consistent dedication to the defense of The United States of America.

HONORING THE IMPRESSIVE
SERVICE OF BETHANY MOULTRY

HON. PATRICK RYAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor 9-year-old Bethany Moultry for her amazing work in providing care packages to give to the homeless. Through her business, Bethany's Happy Bags, Bethany and her mother have dedicated hours of service providing food, first aid kits, toiletries, and so much more to people in need.

Bethany's mother, Colleen Moultry, began Bethany's Happy Bags in December of 2020, when Bethany's wish for her birthday was to help people. As word began to spread over Facebook, the Moultry's began receiving supplies and funding from across our country. With many packages being sent to their doorstep, schools were able to get involved in helping with packing and distribution.

Bethany's Happy Bags initiative grew, developing a movement across the nation and inspiring others to do the same. This project has formed into a much larger service where community members have joined together to give

donations to the Moultry's. These efforts have led to over 5,000 happy bags to be distributed to the people who need them the most.

I had the privilege of recently meeting Bethany Moultry and was amazed by her dedication to giving back to her community in so many ways. Her slogan "I want every person experiencing homelessness to know that I see you and I care," is truly inspiring and I hope she knows that myself, as well as many others in the district, stand with her and can't wait to see what the future holds for this extraordinary project.

TRIBUTE TO NATHAN DILLER

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Nathan Diller for his exemplary dedication and service to our nation. Over the past year, Nate has been a key asset to the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. Prior to this, Nate—known then as Colonel Diller—had a distinguished career as an Airman in our United States Air Force.

A proud Texan and graduate of the Air Force Academy, Nate received his commission as a United States Air Force officer in 2000. A pilot with over 2,800 flying hours. Nate flew over 60 different aircraft, was a combat F-16 instructor, instructed at the Air Force Test Pilot School, and held many other positions that bolstered the careers of countless Airmen.

After receiving his wings, Nate was deployed to the 36th Fighter Squadron at Osan Air Base in South Korea where he was responsible for the Korean Peninsula F-16 war plans. In 2006, he was identified as the top F-16 wingman at the squadron. Due to his success with this important mission, Nate was then sent to Shaw Air Force Base. Here he served as the executive officer to the Commander, was a flight instructor, led flights for theater security package deployments, and engaged in operational flight tests with the United States Army. Yet again. Nate showed his ability to excel, being named the top company grade officer of the 20th Fighter Wing.

Next, Nate was sent to his hardship tours—the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California, and the French Test Pilot School in Toulouse and Istres, France. Here, Nate gained language and flight experience with a close ally in a wide array of aircraft.

After barely making it through these assignments, Nate dove headfirst into assignments that would shape the rest of his career as an Airman. In the following years, Nate was assigned to the Air Force's Science Advisory Board, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the Joint Staff, the White House Office of Science and Technology, the Department of Defense Strategic Capabilities Office, the Air Force's Rapid Capabilities Office, and later as the proud Director of AFWERX. At AFWERX, he was the lead change agent for the Air Force and was responsible for the largest small business innovation budget in the federal government.

Over these years, he also somehow found time to lead flight tests and operations for the F-35 and the F-16, serve as the commander

of the 586th Flight Test Squadron, and work on many classified programs. He also is perhaps the most educated person I have come to know. His degrees include bachelor's degrees in Physics and Humanities from the United States Air Force Academy, a master's degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a master's degree in International Security and Political Economy from Harvard, a master's degree in Flight Test Engineering from Institut Supérieur de l'Aéronautique et de l'Espace, and a master's degree from the National Defense University at the Eisenhower School.

In 2023, Colonel Diller departed the Air Force and became a Professional Staff Member on the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. In this role, Nate used what he learned as an Airman to craft an innovation strategy adopted by the House of Representatives in the Fiscal Year 2024 Defense Appropriations Bill. Because of Nate, the entire Department of Defense is increasingly focused on the challenges facing our Nation and is more appropriately resourced to address them.

On a personal note, Nate has become a trusted advisor, staffer, and friend to the Members of the Subcommittee on both sides of the political aisle and all the staff. Nate's deep knowledge of just about every issue has been a tremendous addition to the Subcommittee. As Nate departs to pursue other goals, I am confident that "past will prove future" and Nate will continue his legacy of service.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Nate for his service to our country, and we wish him all the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on the House floor on March 8, 2023 due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 138.

HONORING COMMANDER SHEILA
CORCORAN

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Indiana resident Commander Sheila Corcoran.

Even within the veteran community, female veterans tend to be overlooked and underrecognized. This year, I am proud to honor the many Hoosier women veterans who continue to serve our community.

In 2023, Commander Sheila Corcoran became the first woman appointed State Commander to the Department of Indiana Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). Commander Corcoran carries on the VFW's noble mission. Among many other accomplishments, the VFW was instrumental in establishing the Veterans Administration, creating a GI Bill for the 20th century, and fighting to improve VA medical center service for women.

Prior to the VFW, Commander Corcoran dedicated 24 years to the Armed Forces, serving in Germany in 1984 before joining the Army Reserves at Fort Harrison and in Baghdad, Iraq from 2006 through 2008. In Iraq, Commander Corcoran supported Operation Iraqi Freedom as a Civil Affairs Officer in charge of a Civil Military Operations Center. Prior to her current role with the VFW, Commander Corcoran served as VFW All-American Post Commander and All-American VFW District Commander. She has held many positions at the state and national level and has been recognized with the Department of Indiana Commander's Eisenhower Award. In addition to her service to our country, Commander Corcoran also serves countless patients through her work as a registered nurse at Witham Hospital in Lebanon, Indiana.

A true trailblazer with a servant's heart, Commander Corcoran will continue to leave her mark. Our state is honored to benefit from her leadership.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Commander Corcoran for her ongoing service to the Indianapolis community and beyond.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding votes I missed on January 12, 2024, due to family obligations.

Had I been present for Roll Call No. 9, on the China Exchange Rate Transparency Act, I would have voted yea. This is common sense, bipartisan legislation that will protect global market participants from the economic security threats posed by China.

Additionally, had I been present for Roll Call No. 10, on H.J. Res. 98, I would have voted nay. This resolution would weaken workers' rights and diminish the National Labor Relations Board ability to effectively do its job.

RECOGNIZING ABIGAIL HARKEY

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Abigail Harkey on completing the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program. The Fulbright program is one of the most prestigious and sought-after exchange programs in the world and speaks to Ms. Harkey's commitment to and passion for education.

As an accomplished art teacher, the Fulbright program allowed Ms. Harkey to travel to Finland where she explored how arts education and social-emotional learning contribute to positive school culture. We are proud that Ms. Harkey will now bring this experience back to Colorado to enrich our schools and give our students an international perspective.

On behalf of the residents of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, I congratulate Ms. Harkey on receiving the Fulbright Award and participating in this impactful program. We are

lucky to have dedicated educators like her serving our students.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SORENSEN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. SORENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I missed two votes on November 9, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 641 on agreeing to the amendment to reduce the salary of White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre to \$1; and NAY on Roll Call No. 642 on agreeing to the amendment to prohibit funding to finalize, implement, or enforce the FAR Council's proposed "Federal Acquisition Regulation: Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate-Related Financial Risk" rule.

YES TO LIFE

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD remarks submitted at the request of a Virginia Beach constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman of Temple Lev Tikvah, and are a reflection of his views.

INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Saying "Yes to Life" Published for the first time in English, *Yes To Life (In Spite of Everything)* Boston: Beacon Press. 2020, originally appeared in German in 1946 following public lectures delivered in Vienna, Austria in March and April 1946 by the renowned psychiatrist and author Dr. Viktor E. Frankl (1905-1997), the iconic founder of Logotherapy, the third school of Viennese psychotherapy. His thirty-nine books were translated into fifty languages. His classic *Man's Search For Meaning* was reconstructed during nine days in 1946 from bits of paper he had "obtained" during his internment since the original manuscript sown into his coat was confiscated upon arrival in Auschwitz.

An Austrian Jew, Dr. Frankl was deported by the Nazis in 1942 to Terezin, Auschwitz, Dachau, Buchenwald and Turkheim from which he was liberated by the American forces in 1945. His pregnant wife, parents and brother who were deported with him did not survive. Dr. Frankl chose to remain in Vienna after the war—though the majority of survivors left with understandable cause—to head a neurology department in a major hospital and, I believe to prove the limits of Nazism and the power of the individual to contend with great suffering, asserting the human will while serving as a personal exemplar. Already back in 1946, still reeling and recovering from the unfathomable horrors of the Holocaust, Dr. Frankl's insights remain most relevant, pointing at the critical difference a single human being can make whether for good or evil in face of mass ideologies proven empty and utterly destructive.

While the inmates in the camp, testifies Dr. Frankl, were told by their tormentors as a means to dehumanize them that they "were 'not worth the soup'" they were given following a trying day, never mind that the poor-quality soup was the only food they ate

that day. Nazism sought to reduce humanity to meaninglessness. Juxtapose it with Dr. Frankl's noble assertion "of life's unconditional meaning" which is rooted in Judaism's affirmation that human life is a precious divine gift, partaking of God's sacred image; that saving one human life is tantamount to saving an entire world, and destroying one human life is tantamount to destroying an entire world. No wonder saving a life, our own included, is a paramount Mitzvah overriding all but three Commandments. Each of us is unique and irreplaceable, including one's weaknesses. Each human life is of infinite worth and meaning that none can rub us off. Indeed, God's divinity and human dignity are indivisible. Dr. Frankl's personal experience in the camps led to his conviction that having a sense of purpose while in dire circumstances of suffering can make a critical difference for one's very survival.

The book's title *Yes To Life* is intimately intertwined with Judaism's clarion call "L'Chaim! " "To Life!" as well as the Biblical admonition, "U'Varachta Bachaim," "Choose life," "Yes To Life" was forcibly and ironically sung as a hymn by the camps' inmates, originating in a camp song ordered by one of Buchenwald's commanders. Yes, saying "yes" to life in face of imminent death is both courageously encouraging and foolishly disappointing, reminiscent of the Nazi deceiving "Arbeit Macht Frei," "Work Will Free You," upon entering hell's gates. Judaism's endless optimism manifested in Dr. Frankl's approach, captured the Rabbinic teaching not to lose hope even if a sword is placed on your neck. However, the odds do not support it. The same heroic thrust but rarely realistic prevailed in the paradoxical reassuring though not accurate message atop a shtiebel's entrance in the Warsaw Ghetto, "Jews, do not despair!" Is not hope against hope all that we have left when the chips are down, providing us with an extra measure of strength to endure?

Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman is the founder of Temple Lev Tikvah in Virginia Beach. Kazakhstan's only born rabbi, he is the son of Polish Holocaust Survivors and spent his early childhood in transit and DP Camps in Austria and Germany. He grew up in Haifa, Israel.

RECOGNIZING CAMP COSBY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of Camp Cosby. YMCA Camp Cosby has offered youth safe and exciting adventures since 1922.

It began when the YMCA purchased 200 acres of land just north of Trussville in Birmingham, AL, with a house and a 26-acre lake, establishing YMCA Camp Cosby in 1922. Later, another 400 acres were donated by the Hodges Milling Company.

In 1972, YMCA Camp Cosby was relocated to its current location on Lake Logan Martin in Alpine, AL, with over a mile of waterfront, rolling hills and space for camp activities.

Camp Cosby was named after W.M. Cosby, the President of the Birmingham YMCA at the time. YMCA Camp Cosby serves over 2,000 campers each summer for sleepaway camp and over 3,000 additional participants during year-round youth, teen, and adult programming.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 100th anniversary of Camp Cosby.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND ADVOCACY OF STEPHANIE BARBER-GETER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to recognize a community activist and dependable leader on Buffalo's East Side, Stephanie Barber-Gete. As the longtime chairwoman of Restore Our Community Coalition (ROCC), she was a shining light and inspiration to anyone with a vision of a better future for the City of Buffalo.

A Hamlin Park resident, Stephanie Barber-Gete was the steady hand behind numerous community development projects. She directed the Head Start Partnership at SUNY Buffalo State College, served as the senior vice president of United Way of Buffalo & Erie County, served as board chair of Elim Community Corp, and president of the Hamlin Park Community & Taxpayers Association. Most notably, her efforts were the driving force behind the decision to restore the Humboldt Parkway community. In 2022 and 2023, after tireless years of advocacy and hard work, New York State and the federal government announced plans to re-imagine the Kensington Expressway. Stephanie recognized that urban landscape has the power to hurt or to heal; she saw the Kensington Expressway for what it was—a destruction of a thriving community in Buffalo. Just last March, Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg visited Buffalo to affirm that she had it right all along. The United States government has unequivocally backed Stephanie's vision in both words and resources.

Stephanie Barber-Gete embodied everything that is good about our city and its people. She dedicated her time and expertise to countless organizations in the pursuit of a better Buffalo. I trust that the Kensington project, along with many others that Stephanie played a critical role, will continue to transform Western New York in her absence. To her husband, Edwin, and all her loved ones, she will be sorely missed. But for the people of Buffalo's East Side, Stephanie will be remembered as not only a fixture of the community, but as their champion who delivered tangible results.

HONORING SARAH GLAD

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Sarah Glad in recognition of her life and her service and contributions to the State of North Carolina. North Carolina has lost a friend, an inspiration, and an exemplary public servant.

I had the honor of having Sarah serve as my Legislative Assistant while I served in the North Carolina State Senate. Sarah was

among the best that North Carolina has to offer. She was the hardest working Legislative Assistant in the General Assembly, oftentimes spending late nights helping constituents, conducting research, and helping to draft legislation.

Everybody knew who Sarah was for the way she prioritized the people of North Carolina in everything she did, and for the bright light she brought to every room she walked in. This light was often created by the bright colors she wore, usually pink, but also in her spirit, grace, charm, and mesmerizing smile.

Prior to coming to my office, Sarah gallantly served the State of North Carolina from the offices of Governor Pat McCrory and State Treasurer Dale Folwell.

After serving alongside me in the State Senate, Sarah joined the Pope Foundation in Raleigh, North Carolina, as a program officer. She helped launch North Carolina's first and only statewide newspaper, the North State Journal, as communications director for the foundation and served the organization as an expert on public interest law and legal studies, higher education, and human services.

Sarah lived in Raleigh with her husband, Robbie, her son, Hayes, and their dog, Shep.

Sarah was diagnosed with breast cancer a few years ago and succumbed to her illness on January 19, 2024. Sarah fought breast cancer with the same charisma and fortitude as she served the people of North Carolina. Despite her battle with cancer, Sarah's optimism never wavered. She continued to be a positive light in the lives of those around her and an admirable servant to the betterment of her North Carolina neighbors. Sarah Glad was a warrior for the people of North Carolina, and a warrior in her fight against breast cancer.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to an outstanding community member, and to lift her family and friends up in prayers as we mourn her loss.

I thank Sarah for her service to North Carolina, and for embodying the true spirit of public service.

Her commitment to North Carolina and my time working alongside her will forever be honored and remembered. May she rest in peace.

HONORING RIGOBERTO A. RAMIREZ

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rigoberto A. Ramirez for his devotion and dedication to his community as a leader, volunteer, and outstanding citizen.

For his years of service to the City of Stanton, Rigoberto A. Ramirez will be honored as Stanton's 2024 Citizen of the Year by the Cypress College Foundation at the 49th Annual Americana Awards on March 16.

A former Stanton City Council member and Planning Commissioner, Mr. Ramirez first made Stanton home in 1995 with his new bride, Jhovana. They still live in their first home, where they raised their son, Nicholas.

From the day they joined the Stanton community, Rigoberto and Jhovana felt a strong connection to both the residents and the community of Stanton.

Along with serving 10 years on the City Council, from 2012 to 2022, Rigoberto is an active member of the Blessed Sacrament School Consultative Board, the Orange County Youth Motivation Task Force, and the Servite High School Board of Directors.

In his professional life, Ramirez earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in 1990 from Loyola Marymount University. A California native, he currently holds the title of Director for a retirement services firm that he has been with since 1991. He is responsible for twelve representatives that provide retirement services to clients across eight states.

In his spare time, he enjoys volunteering for non-profit events and managing Pony Baseball.

Please join me in thanking Rigoberto Ramirez for his years of service to the City of Stanton and the Orange County community.

RECOGNIZING ARVIN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Arvin High School on their 75th anniversary and thank them for their significant contributions to the Arvin community. Arvin High School began serving students in the rural communities of Arvin, Lamont, and Weedpatch in 1949 as part of the Kern High School District. Since their founding, Arvin High School has been committed to serving their students through a diverse array of educational programs, extracurricular activities, and college-level courses. Today, the school's student body is made up of nearly 3,000 students. The mission of Arvin High School is to encourage P.R.I.D.E—participation, responsibility, integrity, determination, and empathy, and to provide students with the skills they need to succeed in their futures. Under the leadership of Principal Ed Watts, Arvin High School has received full accreditation through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, recognizing their dedication to high-quality education and school improvement. Through their Career Technical Education program, students at Arvin High School have the unique opportunity to gain experience in the career path of their choice. In these twelve pathways offerings, students learn how to succeed in numerous fields including health sciences, building and construction, agriculture, and engineering. The CTE program also includes a ROTC pathway, providing students who are interested in serving in the armed forces with the experience they need to thrive after they leave Arvin High School. The staff and faculty at Arvin High School are committed to the educational outcomes of every student. In 2023, 89 students were recipients of a California Scholarship Federation membership, which is awarded to students who demonstrate a high-level of academic achievement. The class of 2023 also received nearly 200 Bilingual Seals and Golden State Seal of Merit awards, and 16 National Honor Society recognitions. This school year, in partnership with Bakersfield College, Arvin High School is offering almost 70 sections of Dual Enrollment course offerings—giving students a chance to earn college credits before they even graduate.

high school. In just the past three years alone, Arvin High School has helped 25 students receive their Associate of Arts for Transfer degree in Communication Studies through this initiative. In honor of their work to provide students with dual enrollment opportunities, Arvin High School was one of nine schools recognized as an Exemplary Dual Enrollment School by the California Department of Education in 2023. Arvin High School has been nationally recognized for their academic extracurriculars, including Academic Decathlon, Mock Trial, and the "We the People" Constitution Team, which was started by former teacher Larry Hallum in 1987. Mr. Hallum was one of the many teachers at Arvin High School who has received accolades for his dedication to his students. To celebrate the legacy of Mr. Hallum, the Kern High School District created the "Spirit of Arvin High School" Memorial Scholarship to support future college students in the district. It is because of the commitment of teachers at Arvin High School like Mr. Hallum that students in the Central Valley community flourish, and I want to thank all the faculty and staff at Arvin High School for creating a learning environment that helps our youth become the best they can be.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in celebrating Arvin High School on their 75th anniversary. Their work to enrich the lives of students in the community of Arvin will be felt for generations to come.

HOMETOWN HERO—NETWORK OF COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, in 1985, when a group of churches and community organizations saw that children across North Texas were in need, they rose to the occasion, creating the Network of Community Ministries. Today this incredible organization has expanded to serve fourteen zip codes, providing programming such as basic needs assistance, mobile food pantries, stabilization programs, and mental health services.

During the school year, the mobile food pantry stops at seven Title 1 schools, where almost half of the school's students qualify for free and reduced lunch. Over Christmas break when students aren't in school, many of these students go hungry without provided lunch. So, the Network of Community Ministries stepped up, giving students nonperishable food items to eat over the break.

The Network of Community Ministries' impact on the greater-Dallas community is far-reaching and hundreds of families have been blessed by their consistent, dedicated work. I want to thank the Network of Community Ministries for their work to provide food for North Texas children and families over the Christmas Break.

HONORING LUCIEL BOLES-WILSON

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, Luciel Boles-Wilson (Ponder) was born in the Boogie Down Bronx to Nelson and Estelle Ponder on August 28, 1947. Growing up she loved math and upon graduating from Theodore Roosevelt High School in 1965 she went to work her first job as an assistant at MetLife Insurance New York. After a year of working there, she spent the next thirty years working as a project manager for Blue Cross Blue Shield. During that time, she experienced so many rich moments.

She met her first husband, Russell M. Boles, Sr. and had two children, Bonita Ponder and Russell M. Boles, Jr. She would then get divorced, become a Grandmother and raise her first Grandchild, Walter J. Redden with the help of her second husband Austin Wilson. She would have many grandchildren, Russell Boles, Randolph Davis, Donovan Hines, Nia Boles, Russia Boles but because of special circumstances she raised her first grandchild as her own.

She stopped working in 1996 due to complications with breast cancer. But she still has so much more love to share and give. So, she started a business from her Co-Op City apartment named Walter's Grandmother Daycare and After School Program where she would nurture the kids in her community. She even became the PTA president of middle school 181 while her grandson was studying there.

Once her grandson was secure enough on his own, she moved to Nereid Ave and quickly became a frequent visitor of the R.A.I.N. Nereid Center. Then soon she would frequent all the R.A.I.N. Centers in the Bronx. She became an active member of United Christian Baptist Church and went to every event there ever was in the Bronx.

So many people had so many kind words for Miss Luciel. Senator Bailey called her a mother figure and a light in the community. District Attorney Clark said that Luciel personified the Bronx with her community service. Speaker Heastie called her the heart and soul of the Bronx.

I want to close by echoing the words of Borough President Vanessa Gibson, "Luciel Boles-Wilson, the life of the party, a great friend, a wonderful Mother and Grandmother, someone you can always count on to cheer you up, make you smile and light up the room with her presence."

Let us keep the family in our hearts, and may she rest easy.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SUPERIOR COURT JURY DUTY FOR SENIORS OPT OUT ACT OF 2024

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Superior Court Jury Duty for Seniors Opt Out Act of 2024,

which would allow individuals 70 years of age or older to opt out of jury service in D.C.'s local trial court, the Superior Court.

Most federal courts allow individuals 70 years of age or older to opt out of jury service, including the federal district court for D.C. A majority of states have similar provisions for their courts.

Under the D.C. Home Rule Act, the D.C. Council does not have authority to amend title 11 of the D.C. Code (relating to organization and jurisdiction of the local D.C. courts). This bill would amend title 11.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING AUBREY PATIÑO'S DEDICATION TO THE NEEDIEST IN HER COMMUNITY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Aubrey Patiño, the Executive Director of Avalon Housing in Ann Arbor, MI. After eighteen years with Avalon, including seven as ED, she is moving on. Her work in service to the homeless population of Washtenaw County is worthy of commendation.

Aubrey graduated from Western Michigan University in 2004 before achieving her Master of Social Work from the University of Michigan in 2005. During this time, she was an assistant at the Michigan Neighborhood Partnership in Detroit as well as an intern with Avalon. Before coming onto Avalon's team full time, she was the Intensive Case Manager at the Downtown Emergency Service Center in Seattle, WA, where she dealt with Homeless Outreach and Transition.

Aubrey joined the Avalon team in 2007 where she started as a Senior Property Manager. She quickly rose through the ranks, becoming the Housing Support Services Leader in 2010 and the Associate Director of Avalon Housing in 2012. In 2014, as one of five homeless services providers across the country, she was invited by the National Alliance to End Homelessness to complete the Transatlantic Practice Exchange, where she went to the United Kingdom and studied best practices in the field of housing and homelessness. Her experience in the UK still guides her work in Washtenaw County to this day.

In 2017, Aubrey was selected as the new Executive Director of Avalon Housing. Her tenure at the helm has been a world of change and has been a boon to the homeless in her community. Aubrey's work on supportive housing funding has resulted in growing and innovative efforts. As a key member of the Washtenaw Housing Alliance, Aubrey helped develop the City of Ann Arbor's affordable housing millage ballot initiative, which citizens overwhelmingly supported. This millage provides a significant, ongoing source of financing for affordable housing development. Aubrey has also consistently advocated for harm reduction across the agency and the community, using a compassionate, evidence-based model for engaging people who struggle with substance use disorders. She continues to advocate for unarmed crisis responses at Avalon properties and throughout the community. Aubrey has also built productive relationships

with local law enforcement. Aubrey's efforts have in turn led to Avalon providing full-time staff at the Washtenaw County jail to support returning citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognition of Aubrey Patiño's hard work and dedication to the homeless community. Though we will miss her presence at Avalon, she has set them on a great path of success. We wish her the best in her future endeavors, and thank her for her service. I thank Aubrey.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MRS. MARGUERITE LOUISE
KOPPER CHALLY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and lasting contributions of Mrs. Marguerite Louise Kopper Chally. Mrs. Chally, who passed away at the age of 103, leaves behind an enduring legacy marked by service, love, and compassion.

Born in Aberdeen, Idaho in 1920, Mrs. Chally's life was dedicated to caring for those around her. After graduating from Aberdeen High School, Mrs. Chally attended nursing school at Bethel Deaconess Hospital in Newton, Kansas, earning her Registered Nurse qualification in 1941. She first began her decades-long nursing career at the Children's Hospital of the East Bay in Oakland, California.

Fueled by her passion for service and sincere belief in the importance of bringing comfort to those around her, Mrs. Chally worked at numerous hospitals and medical clinics throughout her career. In the last twenty years of her healthcare career, Mrs. Chally served at the University of California, Davis Student Health Center, providing critical care to countless students.

Beyond her essential role as a nurse, Mrs. Chally embodied altruism and compassion in all areas of her life. Volunteering for Yolo County Hospice for over two decades and serving at the International House in Davis and Sutter Davis Hospital, her selflessness and kindness touched all she encountered, undeniably improving the lives of those around her.

Mrs. Chally will be remembered not only for her decades of service to California patients and their families, but also for her genuine commitment to her family, faith, and community. She was a dearly loved family matriarch and devoted her life to caring for others.

Mrs. Chally's enduring spirit lives on in her four children, 10 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren. My deepest sympathies go out to Mrs. Chally's loved ones. I know that they, along with the people of Yolo County, join me in celebrating her life and legacy.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
STEPHEN COLE

HON. PATRICK RYAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor the impressive record of Mr. Stephen Cole for his service to our country. During the Vietnam War, Sergeant Cole was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division working directly with the intelligence section. He was a part of a small patrol reconnaissance and ambush team that operated in Vietnam's Central Highlands near the Cambodian border and the La Drang Valley. While in Vietnam during a recon patrol, Sergeant Cole suffered wounds during a firefight when he was impaled by a punji stick after stepping in a booby trap. He was subsequently evacuated to the Field Hospital in An Khe for medical treatment. Sergeant Cole was awarded the Bronze Star, which is awarded by the Department of the Army in recognition of heroic achievement, heroic service, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service in a combat zone, in addition to the Purple Heart for wounds he received in action in the Republic of Vietnam on July 14, 1970. Sergeant Cole received numerous other awards for his service, including the Army Commendation Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star Attachments, the Combat Infantry Badge, and a Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon. All of these awards are a true representation of Sergeant Cole's true grit while in combat. Upon returning home, Mr. Cole was the Regional Public Affairs and Communications manager for IBM where he served on the board of directors of several regional organizations for economic development. He worked at the IBM Kingston facility in my district as a corporate liaison before it closed in 1995. Mr. Cole's dedication to this country is truly inspiring and I wish him the best of luck in the future.

RECOGNIZING JESSE MASCARENAS
AND JASON BURNS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jesse Mascarenas and Jason Burns of Salida, Colorado for being named Global Medical Response Stars of Life by the American Ambulance Association.

In May 2022, Mr. Mascarenas, a flight nurse, and Mr. Burns, a flight paramedic, responded to a call about a hiker who had fallen 200 feet down a mountain in poor weather. While the two treated the injured hiker, he went into cardiac arrest. Despite the patient's condition, Mr. Mascarenas and Mr. Burns were able to stabilize the patient until he could be treated at a nearby hospital. The hiker is alive today due to the heroic actions of Mr. Mascarenas and Mr. Burns.

It is my honor to recognize Mr. Mascarenas and Mr. Burns and thank them for their bravery and dedication to service.

RECOGNIZING KADRI CAKRANI'S
SERVICE TO THOSE FIGHTING
FOR FREEDOM IN ALBANIA AND
AROUND THE WORLD

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and life-saving actions of Kadri Cakrani, an Albanian national who served his country in resistance to the Nazis during the Second World War. His service to the Allied war effort and his efforts at democratization afterwards are worthy of commendation.

At the outbreak of WWII, General Cakrani served as the Commandant-General of the Berat region of Albania. During the German occupation of his nation, General Kadri protected the people of Berat, including over 600 Jewish refugees, from becoming victims of the Holocaust. His heroic acts include hiding and protecting sacred 6th century biblical texts from Nazi looting and, under the threat of death, repeatedly lying about the whereabouts of Jews in the area, many of whom sheltered within his own house. After a United States Army plane crash landed, General Cakrani hid the three surviving Army nurses for over five months before successfully and secretly returning them to the Allies.

When the communist dictator Enver Hoxha came to power in 1944, General Cakrani was now labeled an enemy of the state. With the assistance of British Intelligence, he escaped, spending time in Italy and Syria before President Truman granted him political asylum in the United States in 1951. He arrived on our shores with the clothes on his back and \$7 in his pocket, dedicating the rest of his life to bring democracy back to Albania. Until his death in 1972 he worked closely with U.S. Intelligence, but was unable to share his story publicly due to the danger it would undoubtedly put his family in who remained in Albania.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating and honoring the life and service of Commandant-General Kadri Cakrani. Despite the constant threats to his life, he took on the responsibility of protecting Albanians, Americans, and anybody else who were fleeing the Nazi regime. Though not an American, he spent his entire life fighting for the same things we hold dear: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I thank him for his service, and thank his surviving family, including his grandson, Lee, who lives in my district, for sharing his amazing story with the world.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF MICHAEL
S. BERMAN

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2024

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, a few days ago, we lost a great Minnesotan and great American: Michael S. Berman. He passed away on January 12 at age 84. A skilled lawyer, shrewd political advisor, and principled public servant, Mike made indelible contributions to our nation.

Mike's penchant for politics was evident when he was a young man. Shortly after graduating the University of Minnesota Law School in 1964, he volunteered on President Lyndon B. Johnson's reelection campaign and organized a successful voter registration drive in his community. Impressed with Mike's work, Walter Mondale—then Attorney General of Minnesota—hired Mike to serve as his special assistant. Mike later moved here to Washington, D.C. in 1966 to serve on Mondale's Senate staff as Counsel. He quickly became one of Mondale's most trusted advisors.

Mike's close professional and personal relationship with Mondale continued after Jimmy Carter made the Senator his running-mate. Mike led Mondale's transition team following the 1976 presidential election and went on to

serve as the Vice President's Counsel and Deputy Chief of Staff.

After leaving the White House, Mike continued to advise numerous political leaders and mentor up-and-coming political operatives from across the country—and across the generations. They trusted his judgment, enjoyed his humor, and appreciated his honesty. Between 1968 and 2004, Mike also scheduled every Democratic National Convention. Indeed, few people could match Mike's understanding of the innerworkings of the Democratic Party. He was a fixture of the Washington political landscape for decades. Mike also remained a prominent voice on some of the most pressing issues facing our nation and world—from promoting gun safety to advocating for civil and human rights.

Crucially, Mr. Speaker, Mike was a man of character and kindness. He was a devoted husband to his wife of 42 years, Carol—especially in the final months before she tragically passed away of lung cancer in 2007. He showed the same devotion to his second wife, Debbie, whom he married in 2012. My wife Elaine and I are praying for her and their three children and their spouses: Rachel and Dr. Steven Feinleib, Ben and Jen Cowan, and William Cowan. My thoughts are also with their four grandchildren and with Mike's two sisters, Sheila Teitelbaun and Nance Alexander. They ought to take comfort in knowing that we grieve with them. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Mike Berman and praying for his many friends and family.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30, 2024.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 7100–7125; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 979, 981–983, were introduced. **Pages H270–71**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H273–74**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3738, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–360);

H.R. 6513, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to confirm the requirement that States allow access to designated congressional election observers to observe the election administration procedures in congressional elections (H. Rept. 118–361); and

H. Res. 980, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5585) to impose criminal and immigration penalties for intentionally fleeing a pursuing Federal officer while operating a motor vehicle; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6678) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed Social Security fraud are inadmissible and deportable; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6679) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to aliens who carried out, participated in, planned, financed, supported, or otherwise facilitated the attacks against Israel; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6976) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed an offense for driving while in-

toxicated or impaired are inadmissible and deportable (H. Rept. 118–362). **Page H270**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Bentz to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H255**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:12 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H256**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:07 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H257**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:58 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H265**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Safe and Smart Federal Purchasing Act: H.R. 5528, amended, to evaluate the impact of the lowest price technically acceptable source selection process on national security, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 397 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 20;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget conduct a review to determine the impact of the lowest price technically acceptable source selection process on national security, and for other purposes.”; **Page H266**

Overtime Pay for Protective Services Act: S. 3427, to extend the authority to provide employees of the United States Secret Service with overtime pay beyond other statutory limitations, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 379 yeas to 20 nays, Roll No. 21;

Pages H258–60, H266–67

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 South 8th Street in

Lebanon, Pennsylvania, as the “Lieutenant William D. Lebo Post Office Building”: H.R. 3865, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 South 8th Street in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, as the “Lieutenant William D. Lebo Post Office Building”; and **Page H261**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 859 North State Road 21 in Melrose, Florida, as the “Pamela Jane Rock Post Office Building”: H.R. 3947, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 859 North State Road 21 in Melrose, Florida, as the “Pamela Jane Rock Post Office Building”. **Page H262**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2395 East Del Mar Boulevard in Laredo, Texas, as the “Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza, Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez & Sergeant Roberto Arizola Jr. Post Office Building”: H.R. 2754, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2395 East Del Mar Boulevard in Laredo, Texas, as the “Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza, Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez & Sergeant Roberto Arizola Jr. Post Office Building”; **Pages H260–61**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 Dorchester Avenue, Room 1, in Boston, Massachusetts, as the “Caroline Chang Post Office”: H.R. 3728, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 Dorchester Avenue, Room 1, in Boston, Massachusetts, as the “Caroline Chang Post Office”; **Pages H262–63**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3500 West 6th Street, Suite 103 in Los Angeles, California, as the “Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Post Office”: H.R. 599, amended, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3500 West 6th Street, Suite 103 in Los Angeles, California, as the “Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Post Office”; and **Page H264**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1663 East Date Place in San Bernardino, California, as the “Dr. Margaret B. Hill Post Office Building”: H.R. 1060, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1663 East Date Place in San Bernardino, California, as the “Dr. Margaret B. Hill Post Office Building”. **Pages H264–65**

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res 26 was held at the desk. S. 2853 was held at the desk. S. 3646 was held at the desk. **Page H257**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page 257.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H265–66 and H266–67.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGENT RAUL GONZALEZ OFFICER SAFETY ACT; PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES FROM DUIs ACT; CONSEQUENCES FOR SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD ACT; NO IMMIGRATION BENEFITS FOR HAMAS TERRORISTS ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5585, the “Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act”; H.R. 6976, the “Protect Our Communities from DUIs Act”; H.R. 6678, the “Consequences for Social Security Fraud Act”; and H.R. 6679, the “No Immigration Benefits for Hamas Terrorists Act”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8–3, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5585, the “Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act”, H.R. 6678, the “Consequences for Social Security Fraud Act”, H.R. 6679, the “No Immigration Benefits for Hamas Terrorists Act”, and H.R. 6976, the “Protect our Communities from DUIs Act”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 5585, the “Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–21 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. Each amendment shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the report. The rule provides for one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration

of H.R. 6678, the “Consequences for Social Security Fraud Act”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–23 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. The rule makes in order only the amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each amendment shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in part B of the report. The rule provides for one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 6679, the “No Immigration Benefits for Hamas Terrorists Act”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–24 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. The rule makes in order only the amendment printed in part C of the Rules Committee report. Each amendment shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in part C of the report. The rule provides for one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 6976, the “Protect our Communities from DUIs Act”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print

118–22 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. The rule makes in order only the amendment printed in part D of the Rules Committee report. Each amendment shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in part D of the report. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives McClintock, Nadler, Garcia of Texas, and Jackson Lee.

THE FUTURE OF DATA PRIVACY AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AT VA

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a hearing entitled “The Future of Data Privacy and Artificial Intelligence at VA”. Testimony was heard from Charles Worthington, Chief Technology Officer, Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security, hearing entitled “Exposing President Biden’s Plan to Dismantle the Snake River Dams and the Negative Impacts to the United States”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Fighting the Misuse of Biden’s Green Bank Giveaway”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions, hearing entitled “Better Investment Barriers:

Strengthening CCP Sanctions and Exploring Alternatives to Bureaucratic Regimes”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Accountability; and Subcommittee on Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, joint hearing entitled “UNRWA Exposed: Examining the Agency’s Mission and Failures”, 2 p.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 863, Impeaching Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security, for high crimes and misdemeanors, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Artificial Intelligence (AI): Innovations within the Legislative Branch”, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government, hearing entitled “The Southern Border Crisis: The Constitution and the States”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs, hearing entitled “Examining the Opportunities and Challenges of Land Consolidation in Indian Country”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services, hearing entitled

“America’s Report Card: Oversight of K–12 Public Education”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “From Risk to Resilience: Reauthorizing the Earthquake and Windstorm Hazards Reduction Programs”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development, hearing entitled “Pathways to Success: Supporting Entrepreneurs and Employees with Disabilities”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Menace on the Red Sea: Securing Shipping Against Threats in the Red Sea”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The One Percent: Supporting America’s Surviving Military Family Community”, 10:30 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Authoritarian Alignment: The CCP’s Support for America’s Adversaries”, 9 a.m., 390 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Tuesday, January 30

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, January 30

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Joshua Paul Kolar, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, with vote on confirmation thereon at approximately 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

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